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THE "ANCIENT LANDMARKS."

A landmark is a law or custom of the Fraternity that has existed from time immemorial. If any universal usage exists that has existed so long that its origin is unknown, it is a landmark. The landmarks cannot be repealed or changed. Any enactment in violation of a landmark is void by whatever authority it is made.

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1. A belief in the existence of God as the Great Architect of the Universe.
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THE "OLD REGULATIONS"

OF THE

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

AS APPROVED AND CONFIRMED AT STATIONERS' HALL,

ON ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S DAY,

1721.

ARTICLE I. The Grand Master, or his deputy, has full authority and right, not only to be present, but also to preside in every Lodge, with the Master of the Lodge on his left hand; and to order his Grand Wardens to attend him, who are not to act as Wardens of particular Lodges, but in his presence, and at his command; for a Grand Master while in a particular Lodge, may command the Wardens of that Lodge, or any other Master Masons, to act there as his Wardens *pro tempore*.

ART. II. The Master of a particular Lodge has the right and authority of congregating the members of his Lodge into a Chapter upon any emergency or occurrence, as well as to appoint the time and place of their usual forming. And in case of death or sickness, or necessary absence of the

Master, the Senior Warden shall act as Master *pro tempore*, if no Brother is present who has been Master of that Lodge before ; for the absent Master's authority reverts to the last Master present, though he cannot act till the Senior Warden has congregated the Lodge.

ART. III. The Master of each particular Lodge, or one of the Wardens, or some other Brother by appointment of the Master, shall keep a book containing their by-laws, the names of their members, and a list of all Lodges in town, with the usual times and places of their forming ; and also all the transactions of their own Lodge that are proper to be written.

ART. IV. No Lodge shall make more than five new Brothers at one and the same time, without an urgent necessity ; nor any man under the age of twenty-five years (who must also be his own master), unless by a dispensation from the Grand Master.

ART. V. No man can be accepted a member of a particular Lodge without previous notice, one month before given to the Lodge, in order to make due enquiry into the reputation and capacity of the candidate, unless by a dispensation.

ART. VI. But no man can be entered a Brother in any particular Lodge, or admitted a member thereof, without the unanimous consent of all the members of that Lodge then present, when the candidate is proposed, and when their consent is formally asked by the Master. They are to give their consent in their own prudent way, either verbally or in form, but with unanimity. Nor is this inherent privilege subject to a dispensation ; because the members of a particular Lodge are the best judges of it ; and because if a turbulent member should be imposed on them, it might spoil their harmony, or hinder the freedom of their communication, or even break and disperse the Lodge, which ought to be avoided by all true and faithful Brethren.

ART. VII. Every new Brother at his entry, is decently to clothe the Lodge, that is, all the Brethren present; and to deposit something for the relief of indigent and decayed Brethren, as the candidate shall think fit to bestow, over and above the small allowance that may be stated in the by-laws of that particular Lodge; which charity shall be kept by the cashier. Also the candidate shall solemnly promise to submit to the Constitution, and other good usages, that shall be intimated to him in time and place convenient.

ART. VIII. No set or number of Brethren shall withdraw or separate themselves from the Lodge in which they were made, or were afterwards admitted members, unless the Lodge becomes too numerous; nor even then without a dispensation from the Grand Master or deputy. And when thus separated, they must immediately join themselves to such other Lodges that they shall like best, or else obtain the Grand Master's warrant to join in forming a new Lodge, to be regularly constituted in good time.

If any set or number of Masons shall take upon themselves to form a Lodge, without the Grand Master's warrant, the regular Lodges are not to countenance them, nor own them as fair Brethren, duly formed, nor approve of their acts and deeds; but must treat them as rebels, until they humble themselves, as the Grand Master shall in his prudence direct, and until he approve of them by his warrant signified to the other Lodges; as the custom is, when a new Lodge is to be registered in the Grand Lodge book.

ART. IX. But if any Brother so far misbehave him as to render his Lodge uneasy, he shall be thrice duly admonished by the Master and Wardens in a Lodge formed. And if he will not refrain his imprudence, nor obediently submit to the advice of his Brethren, he shall be dealt with according to the by-laws of that particular Lodge, or else in such a manner as the Quarterly Communication shall in their prudence think fit.

ART. X. The majority of every particular Lodge, when congregated, not else, shall have the privilege of giving instructions to their Master and Wardens, before the meeting of the Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication; because the said officers are their representatives, and are supposed to speak the sentiments of their Brethren at the said Grand Lodge.

ART. XI. All particular Lodges are to observe the same usages as far as possible, in order to which, and also for cultivating a good understanding among Freemasons, some members of every Lodge shall be deputed to visit the other Lodges as often as shall be thought convenient.

ART. XII. The Grand Lodge consists of, and is formed by, the Masters and Wardens of all the particular Lodges upon record, with the Grand Master at their head, the Deputy on his left hand, and the Grand Wardens in their proper places. These must have three Quarterly Communications before the grand feast, in some convenient place, as the Grand Master will appoint; where none are to be present but its own proper members, without leave asked and given. And while such a stranger (though a Brother) stays, he is not allowed to vote, nor even speak to any question without leave of the Grand Lodge, or unless he is desired to give his opinion.

All matters in the Grand Lodge are to be determined by a majority of votes, each member having one vote and the Grand Master two votes, unless the Lodge leave any particular thing to the determination of the Grand Master for the sake of expedition.

ART. XIII. At the Grand Lodge, in Quarterly Communication, all matters that concern the Fraternity in general, or particular Lodges, or single Brothers, are sedately and maturely to be discoursed of.

Apprentices must be admitted Fellow Crafts and Masters only here, unless by a dispensation from the Grand Master.

All differences, that cannot be made up or accommodated

privately, nor by a particular Lodge, are to be seriously considered, and decided in the Grand Lodge; and if any Brother thinks himself aggrieved by the decision he may appeal to the annual Grand Lodge next ensuing, and leave his appeal in writing with the Grand Master, the Deputy or Grand Warden. Hither, also, the officers of particular Lodges shall bring a list of such members as have been made, or even admitted by them, since the last Grand Lodge. There shall be a book kept by the Grand Master or Deputy, or rather by some Brother appointed Secretary of the Grand Lodge, wherein shall be recorded all the Lodges, with the usual times and places of their forming, and the names of all the members of each Lodge; also all the affairs of the Grand Lodge that are proper to be written. The Grand Lodge came to a resolution to consider the most prudent and effectual method of collecting and disposing of what money should be lodged with them in charity, towards the relief only of a true Brother, fallen into poverty and decay, but of none else; when it was resolved that each particular Lodge might dispose of their own charity for poor Brothers according to their own by-laws until it should be agreed by all the Lodges (in a new regulation) to carry in the charity collected by them to the Grand Lodge, at the Quarterly or Annual Communication, in order to make a common stock for the more handsome relief of poor Brethren. They shall also appoint a treasurer, a brother of good worldly substance, who shall be a member of the Grand Lodge by virtue of his office, and shall be always present, and have a power to move to the Grand Lodge anything that concerns his office.

To him shall be committed all money raised for the general charity, or for any other use of the Grand Lodge, which he shall write down in a book, with respective ends and uses for which the several sums are intended, and shall expend or disburse the same by such certain order signed, as the Grand Lodge shall hereinafter agree to in a new regulation.

But by virtue of his office as Treasurer, without any other qualification, he shall not vote in choosing a new Grand Master and Wardens, though in every other transaction. In like manner, the Secretary shall be a member of the Grand Lodge, by virtue of his office, and shall vote in everything, except in choosing Grand Officers. The Grand Master or Deputy have authority always to command the Treasurer and Secretary to attend to him with their clerks and books, in order to see how matters go on, and to know what is expedient to be done upon any emergency.

A brother Master Mason should be appointed the tiler, to look after the door, but he must be no member of the Grand Lodge.

ART. XIV. If at any Grand Lodge, stated or occasional, quarterly or annual, the Grand Master and Deputy should both be absent, then the present Master of a Lodge that has been longest a Freemason shall take the chair, and preside as Grand Master *pro tempore*, and shall be vested with all his honor and power for the time being: *Provided*, there is no Brother present that has been Grand Master or Deputy formerly, for the last former Grand Master or Deputy in company takes place of right in the absence of the present Grand Master or Deputy. (*)

ART. XV. In the Grand Lodge none can act as Wardens but the present Grand Wardens, if in company, and if absent

(*) In this first edition the right of the Grand Wardens was omitted in this regulation, and it has been since found that the old Lodges never put into the chair the Master of a particular Lodge, but when there was no Grand Warden in company, present nor former; and that in such a case a Grand Officer always took the place of any Master of a Lodge that has not been a Grand Officer.

Therefore, in case of the absence of all Grand Masters and Deputies, the present Senior Grand Warden fills the chair, and in his absence the present Junior Grand Warden, and in his absence the oldest former Grand Warden in company; and if no former Grand Officer be found, then the oldest Freemason who is now the Master of a Lodge.

the Grand Master shall order private wardens to act as Grand Wardens, *pro tempore*, whose places are to be supplied by two Fellow Crafts, or Master Masons of the same Lodge, called forth to act, or sent thither by the Master thereof; or, if by him omitted, the Grand Master, or he that presides, shall call them forth to act, that so the Grand Lodge may always be complete. (*)

ART. XVI. The Grand Wardens, or any others, are first to advise with the Deputy about the affairs of the Lodge, or of private Brothers, and are not to apply to the Grand Master without the knowledge of the Deputy, unless he refuses his concurrence. The Grand Master should not receive any private intimation of business concerning Masons and Masonry, but from his Deputy first, except in such cases as his Worship can easily judge of. And if the application to the Grand Master be irregular, his Worship can order the Grand Wardens, or any other so applying, to wait upon the Deputy, who is immediately to prepare the business, and lay it orderly before his Worship.

ART. XVII. No Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, or whoever acts for them, or in their stead, *pro tempore*, can at the same time act as the Master or Warden of a particular Lodge, but as soon as any of them has discharged his public office he returns to that post or station in his particular Lodge from which he was called to officiate.

ART. XVIII. If the Deputy be sick or necessarily absent,

(*) Soon after the first edition of the Book of Constitutions, the Grand Lodge, finding it was always the ancient usage that the oldest former Grand Wardens always supplied the places of those of the year, when absent, the Grand Master ever since has ordered them to take place immediately, and act as Grand Wardens, *pro tempore*, which they have always done in the absence of the Grand Wardens for the year, except when they have waived their privilege for that time, to honor some Brother, whom they thought more fit for the present service

the Grand Master can choose any Brother he pleases to act as his Deputy *pro tempore*. He that is chosen Deputy at the annual feast, and also the Grand Wardens, cannot be discharged unless the cause fairly appear to the Grand Lodge, for the Grand Master, if he is uneasy, may call a Grand Lodge on purpose to lay the cause before them, for their advice and concurrence. And if the members of the Grand Lodge cannot reconcile the Grand Master with his Deputy or Wardens, they are to allow the Grand Master to discharge his Deputy or Wardens, and choose another Deputy immediately, and the same Grand Lodge in that case shall forthwith choose other Grand Wardens, so that harmony and peace may be preserved.

ART. XIX. If the Grand Master should abuse his great power, and render himself unworthy of the obedience and submission of the Lodge, he shall be treated in a way and manner to be agreed upon in a new regulation, because hitherto the Ancient Fraternity have had no occasion for it. (*)

ART. XX. The Grand Master, with his Deputy, Grand Wardens, and Grand Secretary, shall, at least once, go round and visit all the Lodges about town during his Mastership.

ART. XXI. If the Grand Master die during his Mastership, or by sickness, or by being beyond sea, or any other way, should be rendered incapable of discharging his office, the Deputy, or, in his absence, the Senior Grand Warden, or, in his absence, the Junior Grand Warden, or, in his absence, any three present Masters of Lodges, shall assemble the Grand Lodge immediately, in order to advise together upon that emergency, and send two of their number to invite the last Grand Master to resume his office, which now of course reverts to him, and if he refuse to act then the next last, and

(*) The above article having been found in six or seven publications, it is now published, notwithstanding doubts of its being an old regulation.

so backward. But if no former Grand Master be found the present Deputy shall act as principal till a new Grand Master is chosen ; or, if there be no Deputy, then the oldest Mason the present Master of a Lodge.

ART. XXII. The Brethren of all the Lodges in and about London and Westminster shall meet annually in some convenient place or public hall, or any Brethren round the globe, who are true and faithful, at the place appointed, till they have built a place of their own. They shall assemble either on St. John Evangelist's day or St. John Baptist's day, as the Grand Lodge shall think fit by a new regulation, having of late years met on St. John Baptist's day : *Provided*, a majority of the Grand Lodge, about three months before, shall agree that there shall be a feast, and a general Communication of the Brethren, for if they are against it others must forbear it at that time. But whether there shall be a feast or not for all the Brethren yet the Grand Lodge must meet in some convenient place on St. John's day ; or if it be a Sunday, then on the next day, in order to choose or recognize every year a new Grand Master, Deputy and Wardens.

ART. XXIII. The Grand Wardens shall have the care of preparing tickets sealed with the Grand Master's seal of office, disposing of the tickets, of buying the materials of the feast, of finding out a proper and convenient place to feast in, and of every other thing that concerns the entertainment. That in order to relieve the two Grand Wardens in the extraordinary trouble of the general assembly, and that all matters might be expeditiously and safely managed, the Grand Master or his Deputy shall have power to nominate and appoint a certain number of Stewards, as his Worship shall think fit, to act in concert with the two Grand Wardens. And that all things relating to the feast should be decided among them by a majority of votes, except the Grand Master

or his Deputy to interpose by a particular direction and appointment.

ART. XXIV. The Grand Wardens and Stewards shall in due time wait upon the Grand Master or Deputy for directions and orders about the premises, but if both their Worships are sick, or necessarily absent, they may call together the Masters and Wardens of Lodges on purpose for their advice and orders, or else they may take the whole affair upon themselves, and do the best they can. Whatever might be the case when it was ordained that the Grand Wardens and Stewards are to account for all money they receive or expend after dinner to the Grand Lodge, or when the Lodge shall think fit to audit their accounts.

ART. XXV. The Masters of Lodges shall each appoint one experienced and discreet Brother of his Lodge to compose a committee, consisting of one from every Lodge, who shall meet in a convenient apartment to receive every person that brings a ticket, and shall have power to discourse him, if they think fit, in order to admit or dismiss him, if they shall see cause: *Provided*, they send no man away before they have acquainted all the Brethren within doors with the reasons thereof, that no true Brother be discarred nor a false Brother or a mere pretender admitted. This committee must meet very early on St. John's day at the place, before any persons come with tickets.

ART. XXVI. The Grand Master shall appoint two or more true and trusty Brothers to be porters and doorkeepers, who are also to be early at the place for good reasons, and who are to be at the command of the said Committee.

ART. XXVII. The Grand Wardens or the Stewards shall, beforehand, appoint such a number of Brethren to serve at table as they think fit, and they may advise with the officers of Lodges about the most proper persons, if they please, or may retain such by their recommendation, for none are to

serve that day but Free and Accepted Masons, that the Communication may be free and harmonious.

ART. XXVIII. All the members of the Grand Lodge must be at the place of the feast long before dinner, with the Grand Master or his Deputy at their head, who shall retire and form themselves, and this in order to receive any appeals duly lodged as above regulated; that the appellant and respondent may both be heard, and the affair may be amicably decided before dinner, if possible. But if it cannot it must be delayed until after the new Grand Master takes the chair, and if it cannot be decided after dinner the Grand Master must refer it to a Special Committee, that shall quickly adjust it, and make report to the next Grand Lodge, so that brotherly love may be preserved—to prevent any differences or disgust which may be feared to arise that day, that so no interruption may be given to the harmony and pleasure of the grand assembly and grand feast; to consult about whatever concerns the decency and decorum of the grand assembly, and to prevent ill manners, the assembly being promiscuous, that is, of all sorts of Freemasons.

ART. XXIX. It was formerly the custom, after the Grand Master was proposed, for the Grand Master, the Deputy, the Grand Wardens, the Stewards, the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Clerks, and every other person to withdraw, and leave the Masters and Wardens of particular Lodges alone, in order to their amicably consulting about the election of a new Grand Master, or the continuing of the present another year, if the said Masters and Wardens had not met and done it the day before, and if they agreed by a majority to continue the present Grand Master his Worship was called in, and, after thanks, was humbly desired to do the Fraternity the honor of ruling them another year, and after dinner, and not before, it was made known whether he accepted of it or not.

ART. XXX. Then the Masters and Wardens and all the Brethren may converse promiscuously, or as they please to

sort together, until the dinner is coming in, when every Brother takes his seat at the table.

ART. XXXI. Some time after dinner the Grand Lodge is formed, not in retirement but in the presence of all the Brethren who yet are not members of it; and none of those that are not must speak until they are desired and allowed.

ART. XXXII. If the Grand Master of last year has consented, with the Master and Wardens in private before dinner, to continue for the year ensuing, then one of the Grand Lodge, deputed for that purpose, shall present to all the Brethren his Worship's good government, &c., and turning to him, shall in the name of the Grand Lodge humbly request him to do the Fraternity the great honor (if nobly born), if not the great kindness, of continuing to be their Grand Master for the year ensuing, and his Worship declaring his consent by a bow or a speech, as he pleases, the said deputed member of the Grand Lodge shall proclaim him aloud:

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS!

All the members of the Grand Lodge shall salute him in due form, and all the Brethren shall, for a few minutes, have leave to declare their satisfaction, pleasure and congratulation.

ART. XXXIII. But if either the Masters and Wardens have not in private this day before dinner, nor the day before, desired the last Grand Master to continue in his Mastership another year, or if he, when desired, has not consented, then the present Grand Master shall nominate his successor, who, if unanimously approved by the Grand Lodge, and there present, shall be proclaimed, saluted, and congratulated as the new Grand Master, and immediately installed by the last Grand Master, according to usage.

ART. XXXIV. But if that nomination is not unanimously approved, the new Grand Master shall be chosen imme-

diately by ballot, every Master and Warden writing his man's name, and the last Grand Master writing his man's name too, and the man whose name the last Grand Master shall first take out casually, or by chance, shall be Grand Master of Masons for the year ensuing, and, if present, he shall be proclaimed, saluted, and congratulated, as above hinted, and forthwith installed by the last Grand Master, according to usage.

ART. XXXV. The last Grand Master thus continued, or the new Grand Master, thus installed, shall next nominate and appoint his Deputy Grand Master, either the last or a new one, who shall be also proclaimed, saluted, and congratulated in due form. The new Grand Master shall also nominate his new Grand Wardens, and if unanimously approved by the Grand Lodge they shall be forthwith proclaimed, saluted, and congratulated in due form; but if not, they shall be chosen by ballot in the same way as the Grand Master was chosen, and as Wardens of private Lodges are chosen when the members do not approve of their master's nomination.

ART. XXXVI. But if the Brother whom the present Grand Master shall nominate for his successor, or whom the Grand Lodge shall choose by ballot, as above, is by sickness, or other necessary occasion, absent, he cannot be proclaimed Grand Master, unless the old Grand Master, or some of the Masters and Wardens of Lodges, can vouch upon the honor of a Brother that the said person so nominated or chosen will readily accept of the office. In which case the old Grand Master shall act as proxy, and in his name shall nominate the Deputy and Wardens, and in his name shall receive the (usual) honors, homage, and congratulations.

ART. XXXVII. Then the Grand Master shall allow any Brother, a Fellow Craft, or Entered Apprentice, to speak, directing his discourse to his Worship in the chair, or to

make any motion for the good of the Fraternity, which shall be either immediately considered or else referred to the consideration of the Grand Lodge at their next Communication, stated or occasional.

ART. XXXVIII. The Grand Master, or Deputy, or some other appointed by him, shall harangue all the Brethren and give them good advice. And lastly, after some other transactions, that cannot be written in any language, the Brethren may stay longer or go away, as they please, when the Lodge is closed in good time.

ART. XXXIX. Every annual Grand Lodge has an inherent power and authority to make new regulations, or to alter these for the real benefit of this Ancient Fraternity: *Provided*, always, that the old landmarks be carefully preserved, and that such new regulations and alterations be proposed and agreed to at the Third Quarterly Communication preceding the annual grand feast, and that they be offered to the perusal of all the Brethren before dinner, in writing, even of the youngest Entered Apprentice, the approbation and consent of the majority of all the Brethren present being absolutely necessary to make the same binding and obligatory, which must, therefore, after dinner, and after the new Grand Master is installed, be solemnly desired, as it was desired and obtained for the old regulations, when proposed by the Grand Lodge to about 150 Brethren at Stationer's Hall, on St. John the Baptist's day, 1721.

THE "OLD CHARGES"

OF THE

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

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I. CONCERNING GOD AND RELIGION.

A Mason is obliged by his tenure to obey the moral law, and if he rightly understands the art he will never be a stupid atheist nor an irreligious libertine. But, though in ancient times Masons were charged in every country to be of the religion of that country or nation, whatever it was, yet it is now thought more expedient only to oblige them to that religion in which all men agree, leaving their particular opinions to themselves, that is, to be *good men and true*, or men of honor and honesty, by whatever denomination or persuasions they may be distinguished, whereby Masonry becomes the *centre of union*, and the means of conciliating true friendship among persons that must have remained at a perpetual distance.

II. OF THE CIVIL MAGISTRATE, SUPREME AND SUBORDINATE.

A Mason is a peaceable subject to the civil powers wherever he resides or works, and is never to be concerned in plots and conspiracies against the peace and welfare of the nation, nor to behave himself undutifully to inferior magistrates; for as Masonry hath been always injured by war, bloodshed and confusion, so ancient kings and princes have been much disposed to encourage the craftsmen, because of their peaceableness and *loyalty*, whereby they practically answered the cavils of their adversaries, and promoted the honor of the Fraternity, who ever flourished in times of peace. So that if a Brother should be a rebel against the State he is not to be countenanced in his rebellion, however he may be pitied as an unhappy man, and if convicted of no other crime, though the loyal Brotherhood must and ought to disown his rebellion, and give no umbrage or ground of political jealousy to the government for the time being, they cannot expel him from the Lodge, and his relation to it remains indefeasible.

III. OF LODGES.

A Lodge is a place where Masons assemble and work, hence that assembly, or duly organized society of Masons, is called a Lodge, and every Brother ought to belong to one, and be subject to its by-laws and general regulations. It is either *particular* or *general*, and will be best understood by attending it, and by the regulations of the general or Grand Lodge hereunto annexed. In ancient times no Master or Fellow could be absent from it, especially when warned to appear at it, without incurring a severe censure until it appeared to the Master or Wardens that pure necessity hindered him.

The persons admitted members of a Lodge must be good and true men—free born, and of mature and discreet age. No bondmen, no women, no immoral or scandalous men, but of good report.

IV. OF MASTERS, WARDENS, FELLOWS, AND APPRENTICES.

All preferment among Masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only, that so the lords may be well served—the Brethren not put to shame, nor the royal craft despised ; therefore no Master or Warden is chosen by seniority, but for his merit. It is impossible to describe these things in writing, and every Brother must attend in his place, and learn them in a way peculiar to his Fraternity. Only candidates may know that no Master should take an apprentice unless he have sufficient employment for him and unless he be a perfect youth, having no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the art—of serving his master's Lord, and of being made a Brother, and then a Fellow Craft in due time, even after he has served such a term of years as the custom of the country directs, and that he should be descended of honest parents, that so, when otherwise qualified, he may arrive to the honor of being the Warden and then the Master of the Lodge, the Grand Warden, and at length the Grand Master of all the Lodges, according to his merit.

No Brother can be a Warden until he has passed the part of a Fellow Craft, nor a Master until he has acted as a Warden, nor Grand Warden until he has been Master of a Lodge ; nor Grand Master unless he has been a Fellow Craft before his election, who is also to be nobly born, or a gentleman of the best fashion, or some curious architect, or other artist, descended of honest parents, and who is of singular great merit in the opinion of the Lodges. And for the better and easier and more honorable discharge of his office, the Grand Master has a power to choose his own Deputy Grand Master, who must be then, or must have been formerly, the Master of a particular Lodge, and has the privilege of acting whatever the Grand Master, his principal, should act, unless the said principal be present, or interpose his authority by a letter.

These rulers and governors, supreme and subordinate, of the Ancient Lodge, are to be obeyed in their respective stations by all the Brethren, according to the old charges and regulations, with all humility, reverence, love and alacrity.

V. OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CRAFT IN WORKING.

All Masons shall work honestly on working days, that they may live creditably on holy days, and the time appointed by the law of the land or confirmed by custom, shall be observed.

The most expert of the fellow Craftsmen shall be chosen or appointed the Master or Overseer of the Lord's work, who is to be called Master by those that work under him. The Craftsmen are to avoid all ill language, and to call each other by no disobliging name, but Brother or Fellow, and to behave themselves courteously within and without the Lodge.

The Master, knowing himself to be able of cunning, shall undertake the Lord's work as reasonably as possible, and truly dispend his goods as if they were his own, nor to give more wages to any Brother or Apprentice than he really may deserve.

Both the Master and the Masons receiving their wages justly, shall be faithful to the Lord, and honestly finish their work, whether *task* or *journey*, nor put the work to *task* that hath been accustomed to *journey*.

None shall discover envy at the prosperity of a Brother, nor supplant him, or put him out of his work, if he be capable to finish the same ; for no man can finish another's work so much to the Lord's profit, unless he be thoroughly acquainted with the designs and draughts of him that began it. When a Fellow Craftsman is chosen Warden of the work, under the Master, he shall be true both to Master and Fellows, shall carefully oversee the work in the Master's absence, to the Lord's profit, and his Brethren shall obey him.

All Masons employed shall meekly receive their wages, without murmuring or mutiny, and not desert the Master until the work is finished.

A younger Brother shall be instructed in working, to prevent spoiling the materials for want of judgment, and for increasing and continuing of Brotherly love.

All the tools used in working shall be approved by the Grand Lodge.

No laborer shall be employed in the proper work of Masonry, nor shall Freemasons work with those that are not free, without an urgent necessity, nor shall they teach laborers and *unaccepted* Masons, as they should teach a Brother or Fellow.

VI. OF BEHAVIOR, VIZ.:

1. In the Lodge, while constituted, you are not to hold private committees, or separate conversation without leave from the Master, nor to talk of anything impertinent or unseemly, nor interrupt the Master or Wardens, or any Brother speaking to the Master, nor behave yourself ludicrously or jestingly while the Lodge is engaged in what is serious and solemn, nor use any unbecoming language upon any pretence whatsoever, but to pay due reverence to your Master, Wardens and Fellows, and put them to worship.

If any complaint be brought, the Brother found guilty shall stand to the award and determination of the Lodge, who are the proper and competent judges of all such controversies (unless you carry it by appeal to the Grand Lodge), and to whom they ought to be referred, unless a Lord's work be hindered the meanwhile, in which case a particular reference may be made, but you must never go to law about what concerneth Masonry, without an absolute necessity apparent to the Lodge.

2. BEHAVIOR AFTER THE LODGE IS OVER, AND THE BRETHREN NOT GONE.—You may enjoy yourselves with innocent mirth, treating one another according to ability, but avoiding all excess, or forcing any Brother to eat or drink beyond his inclination, or hindering him from going when his occasions call him, or doing or saying anything offensive, or that may forbid an easy and free conversation, for that would blast our harmony and defeat our laudable purposes. Therefore, no private piques or quarrels must be brought within the door of the Lodge, far less any quarrels about religion or nations, or state policy. We being only, as Masons, of the Catholic religion above mentioned; we are, also of all nations, tongues, kindreds and languages, and are resolved against all politics, as what never yet conduced to the welfare of the Lodge, nor ever will. This charge has been always strictly enjoined and observed, but especially since the reformation in Britain, or the descent and secession of these nations from the communion of Rome.

3. BEHAVIOR WHEN BRETHREN MEET WITHOUT STRANGERS, BUT NOT IN A LODGE FORMED.—You are to salute one another in a courteous manner, as you will be instructed—calling each other Brother, freely giving mutual instruction, as shall be thought expedient, without being overseen or overheard, and without encroaching upon each other, or derogating from that respect which is due to any Brother were he not a Mason; for, though all Masons are as Brethren upon the same *level*, yet Masonry takes no honor from a man that he had before; nay, rather, it adds to his honor, especially if he has deserved well of the Brotherhood, who must give honor to whom it is due, and avoid ill manners

4. BEHAVIOR IN PRESENCE OF STRANGERS NOT MASONS.—You shall be cautious in your words and carriage, that the most penetrating stranger shall not be able to discover or find out what is not proper to l[illegible]timated, and sometimes you shall divert a discourse, and manage it prudently, for the honor of the Worshipful Fraternity.

5. BEHAVIOR AT HOME AND IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.—You are to act as becomes a moral and a wise man, particularly not to let your family, friends, and neighbors know the concerns of the Lodge, etc., but wisely to consult your own honor, and that of the Ancient Brotherhood, for reasons not to be mentioned here. You must also consult your health, by not continuing together too late, or too long from home after Lodge hours are past, and by avoiding of gluttony and drunkenness, that your families be not neglected or injured, nor you disabled from working.

6. BEHAVIOR TOWARDS A STRANGE BROTHER.—You are cautiously to examine him in such a method as prudence shall direct you, that you may not be imposed upon by an ignorant, false pretender, whom you are to reject with contempt and derision, and beware of giving him any hints of knowledge, but if you discover him to be a true and genuine Brother you are to respect him accordingly, and if he is in want you must relieve him if you can, or else direct him how he may be relieved ; you must employ him some days, or else recommend him to be employed. But you are not charged to do beyond your ability—only to prefer a poor Brother, that is a *good man and true*, before any other poor people in the same circumstances.

Finally, all these charges you are to observe, and, also, those that shall be communicated to you in *another way*—cultivating Brotherly love, the foundation and capstone—the cement and glory of this Ancient Fraternity, avoiding all wrangling and quarreling—all slander and back-biting, not permitting others to slander any honest Brother, but defending his character, and doing him all good offices, so far as is consistent with your honor and safety, and no farther ; and if any of them do you injury, you must apply to your own or his Lodge, and from thence you may appeal to the Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication, and from thence to

the Annual Grand Lodge, as has been the ancient laudable conduct of our forefathers in every nation—never taking a legal course but when the case cannot be otherwise decided, and patiently listening to the honest and friendly advice of Master and Fellows, when they would prevent your going to law with strangers, or would excite you to put a speedy period to all law-suits, that so you may mind the affairs of Masonry with more alacrity and success. But with respect to Brothers or Fellows at law, the Master and Brethren should kindly offer their mediation, which ought to be thankfully submitted to by the contending Brethren, and if that submission is impracticable they must, however, carry on their process, or law-suit, without wrath or rancor (not in the common way), saying or doing nothing which may hinder Brotherly love, and good offices to be renewed and continued, that all may see the *benign* influence of Masonry, as all true Masons have done from the beginning of the world, and will do to the end of time.

AMEN. SO MOTE IT BE.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC,

ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

PREAMBLE

SECTION I.—The Constitution, Laws and Regulations of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Quebec, and its Subordinate Lodges are founded on

FIRST—The "Ancient Landmarks" and established customs and regulations of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Freemasons.

SECOND—The "Old Regulations" as approved and confirmed A. D. 1721.

THIRD—The "Old Charges" of the Free and Accepted Masons as collected and published A. D. 1722.

SECTION II.—Should any question arise as to the interpretation of any part of this Constitution, it shall be decided by the Grand Master, and in case of appeal from his decision by the Grand Lodge, having due regard to the provisions of Section One above stated.

PART I.

OF THE ORGANIZATION OF GRAND LODGE

OF ITS TITLE AND SEAL

1. The style and title of the Grand Lodge shall be "The Grand Lodge of Quebec, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons."

2. Wherever the word Quebec occurs in this Constitution, it is to be understood as meaning the Province of Quebec, unless otherwise stated.

3. The following is hereby adopted as the Seal of this Grand Lodge:

OF ITS OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

4. The Grand Lodge shall be composed of the following officers and members, who shall be entitled to precedence, rank and title as follows:

The Most Worshipful Grand Master.

The Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, according to seniority.

The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.

The Right Worshipful Past Deputy Grand Masters.

The R.·.W.·.District Deputy Grand Master for the District of Quebec and Three Rivers, such District comprising the Counties of Maskinongé, St. Maurice, Champlain, Nicolet, Portneuf, Quebec, Montmorency, Levis, Lotbiniere, Charlevoix, Saguenay, Chicoutimi, Gaspé, Bonaventure, Rimouski, Kamouraska, Temiscouata, L'Islet, Montmagny, Bellechasse, Beauce, Dorchester, Megantic, Arthabaska, and the Cities of Quebec and Three Rivers (1856).

The R.·.W.·.District Deputy Grand Master for the District of Montreal, comprising the Counties of Terrebonne, Montcalm, Joliette, Berthier, Yamaska, Richelieu, Vercheres, L'Assomption, Laval, Two Mountains, Vaudreuil, Soulanges, Huntingdon, Beauharnois, Chateauguay, Napierville, St. John's, Laprairie, Chambly, Hochelaga, Jacques Cartier and the City of Montreal (1856).

The R.·.W.·.District Deputy Grand Master for the District of St. Francis, comprising the Counties of Stanstead, Compton, Sherbrooke, Richmond, Wolfe, Drummond and the City of Sherbrooke (1856).

The R.·.W.·.District Deputy Grand Master for the District of Bedford, comprising the Counties of St. Hyacinthe, Bagot, Rouville, Iberville, and Missisquoi (1869).

The R.·.W.·.District Deputy Grand Master for the District of Ottawa, comprising the Counties of Argenteuil, Ottawa and Pontiac (1876).

The R.·.W.·.District Deputy Grand Master for the District of Shefford and Brome, comprising the Counties of Shefford and Brome (1884).

The R.·.W.·.the Past District Deputy Grand Masters ;
The R.·.W.·.Senior Grand Warden ;
" " Past Senior Grand Wardens ;
" " Junior Grand Warden ;
" " Past Junior Grand Wardens ;
" " Grand Treasurer ;
" " Past Grand Treasurers ;
" " Grand Secretary ;
" " Past Grand Secretaries ;
" " Grand Registrar ;
" " Past Grand Registrars ;
One R.·.W.·.Grand Chaplain for each District ;
" " Past Grand Chaplains ;
The V.·.W.·.Grand Director of Ceremonies ;
" " Past Grand Directors of Ceremonies ;
" " Senior Grand Deacon ;
" " Past Senior Grand Deacons ;
" " Junior Grand Deacons ;
" " Past Junior Grand Deacons ;
" " Grand Organist ;
" " Past Grand Organists ;
Four V.·.W.·.Grand Stewards ;
" " Past Grand Stewards ;
The V.·.W.·.Grand Pursuivant ;
" " Past Grand Pursuivants ;

The Grand Tyler (who shall not be entitled to vote in Grand Lodge) ;

The Masters and Wardens and Past Masters, being members of Lodges, in the order of the number of their respective warrants.

5. No Brother shall be entitled to rank as a Past Grand Officer unless, at the time of holding office, he was either Master or Past Master of a Lodge ; nor unless he be affiliated with some Lodge bearing allegiance to this Grand Lodge.

6. Should neither the Worshipful Master nor the Wardens of a Lodge attend any Communication of Grand Lodge, such Lodge by its vote, properly certified by the Worshipful Master and Secretary, and under seal, may delegate any Master or Past Master, entitled to vote in Grand Lodge, to represent their Lodge, but no proxy shall be valid unless the name of the Brother so delegated shall have been written in the proxy previous to its being signed by the Worshipful Master and Secretary of the Lodge; no Brother can represent more than one Lodge.

7. No Lodge, until chartered and duly constituted, shall be entitled to representation in the Grand Lodge, but a Lodge under dispensation may send its Master and Wardens as delegates thereto, who may be admitted to seats and be permitted to speak, but shall have no vote.

8. Brethren of eminence and ability, who have rendered service to the Craft, may by a two-thirds vote by ballot of the Grand Lodge, be constituted honorary members, with such rank and distinction as may be thought proper.

OF ITS MEETINGS.

9. The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge shall be holden on the last Wednesday in the month of January, at the Masonic Temple, in the City of Montreal.

10. The stations of the officers and members of the Grand Lodge shall be as follows:

IN THE EAST—the Grand Master (on the throne), having at his right the Deputy Grand Master, the Past Deputy Grand Masters (in order the Junior P. D G. M. at the right of the D. G. M.) and the District Deputy Grand Masters at the right of the Past Deputy Grand Masters. At the left of the Grand Master, the Past Grand Masters (the Junior next to the Grand Master), the Grand Chaplains and the Past District Deputy Grand Masters.

IN THE WEST—the Senior Grand Warden, having at his right and left the Past Senior Grand Wardens,

IN THE SOUTH—the Junior Grand Warden, having at his right and left the Past Junior Grand Wardens.

ON THE FLOOR of Grand Lodge—at the right, the Grand Treasurer, at the left the Grand Secretary and Grand Registrar, and in front of the Grand Master the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The Senior Grand Deacon in front of the Grand Treasurer.

The Junior Grand Deacon in front of the Senior Grand Warden.

The Grand Stewards in front of the Junior Grand Warden.

The Grand Pursuivant inside and at the door of entrance to Grand Lodge.

The Grand Tyler without the entrance.

Masters and Wardens and Past Masters of Lodges upon the seats assigned to them.

11. No Brother below the rank of a Past Grand Master shall assume the Grand Master's chair, though he be entitled in the absence of the Grand Master to rule the Grand Lodge.

12. The Grand Master, or in his absence from the Province, the Deputy Grand Master, or in his like absence the Grand Wardens, may summon and hold Grand Lodges of emergency whenever the good of the Craft shall, in their opinion, require it; the particular reason for convening such Lodge of emergency shall be expressed in the summons, and no other business shall be entered upon at that meeting.

13. No business shall be transacted at the Annual Communication or at any Emergency Communication called for any other purpose than the performance of a Masonic ceremony, unless there be representatives of at least seven Lodges present.

14. If at any Grand Lodge, stated or occasional, the Grand Master be absent, the Grand Lodge shall be ruled by the

Grand Officer or Past Grand Officer next in rank and seniority who may be present, and in their absence by the Master of the Senior Lodge. The Grand Lodge is declared to be opened in *ample form* when the Grand Master is present; in *due form* when a Past Grand Master or the Deputy presides; at all other times only *in form*, yet with the same authority.

15. The powers of any *pro tempore* presiding officer shall be the same as those properly belonging to the office so filled by him.

16. None but members shall be present at these Communications without permission of the Grand Master.

17. No member of the Grand Lodge shall attend therein without his proper jewel and clothing, nor wearing any jewel not recognized by the Grand Lodge.

18. Should any Lodge have neglected to make its returns and payments to the Grand Lodge, the Master, Wardens and Past Masters of such Lodge shall not be permitted to attend any meeting of the Grand Lodge until such returns and payments shall have been completed.

19. No Brother shall be permitted to attend the Grand Lodge as Master, Past Master, or Warden until his name and appointment shall have been duly returned and transmitted to the Grand Secretary's office.

20. No visitor shall speak to any question, unless permitted to do so by the Grand Master, nor shall he on any occasion be allowed to vote.

REGULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GRAND LODGE DURING THE TIME OF BUSINESS.

21. The Annual Communication of Grand Lodge being opened, the regulations are to be read. The minutes of the last regular Communication, and of any intervening Communications of Grand Lodge, are then to be put for con-

firmation, and all Communications from the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, and reports from the District Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, or Committees, are then to be read and taken into consideration, and the other business regularly proceeded with.

22. All matters are to be decided by a majority of votes, each Lodge having three votes, each Past Master one vote, each officer of Grand Lodge (except the Grand Tyler), not otherwise entitled to vote, one vote, and the Grand Master a casting vote in case of equality, unless the Grand Lodge for the sake of expedition, think proper to leave any particular subject to the determination of the Grand Master. When any subject can be satisfactorily settled by an open vote, the votes of the members are always to be signified by each holding up one of his hands, which uplifted hands the Grand Wardens or Grand Deacons are to count, unless the number shall be so unequal as to render counting unnecessary, but any three Brethren may demand a ballot on a question, either before or immediately after an open vote shall have been taken.

23. When any motion shall have been regularly made and seconded, it shall be competent for the Grand Master, or other Brother presiding, to refuse to put the same to the vote, but any member present can appeal against such refusal, and if on such appeal two-thirds of the members present so decide the vote shall be taken on the motion.

24. All members shall keep their seats, except the Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grand Deacons, and the Grand Stewards, who are allowed to move about from place to place in the discharge of their duties.

25. No Brother shall speak twice to the same question, unless in explanation, or the mover in reply, except by permission of the chair.

26. Every one who speaks shall rise, and remain standing, addressing himself to the Grand Master; nor shall any Brother presume to interrupt him, unless to address the Grand Master to order, or the Grand Master shall think fit to call him to order; but after he has been set right, he may proceed, if he observe due order and decorum.

27. If any member shall have been twice called to order for transgressing these rules, and shall nevertheless be guilty of a third offence at the same meeting, the Grand Master may peremptorily command him to leave the Grand Lodge for that Communication.

28. Whoever shall be so unmasonic as to hiss at a brother, or at what he has said, shall be solemnly excluded from the Grand Lodge until he publicly own his fault, and grace be granted.

29. No motion on any new subject shall be made, nor any new matter entered upon after eleven o'clock at night.

30. No money grants shall be made by Grand Lodge on the last day of the Communication, unless notice shall have been given the day previous.

31. No motion shall be entertained for altering or amending the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, or for adding a new law, rule or regulation thereto, without notice in writing, stating the amendment proposed, having been sent to the Grand Secretary three months previous to the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, and inserted in the summons for that Communication. Every such Notice of Motion shall be submitted to the Committee on Jurisprudence, whose report thereon shall be read to Grand Lodge before the motion shall be considered. No alteration or addition to the Constitution shall be made binding unless supported by two-thirds of the members present.

ELECTION, APPOINTMENT AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

32. The officers of the Grand Lodge shall be respectively elected or appointed as hereinafter provided, and hold their offices for one year, or until their successors shall have been regularly elected or appointed and installed.

33. The Grand Master, or presiding officer, at the Annual Communication shall appoint three scrutineers, whose duty it shall be to receive the ballots for Grand Officers from the Grand Deacons, to whom they have been delivered. The scrutineers shall solemnly pledge themselves to make a correct report under their hands of the result of the ballot, and, having ascertained the number of votes for the respective candidates, they shall present their reports to Grand Lodge.

34. The election of officers of Grand Lodge shall take place at the Annual Communication on the first day thereof, at the hour of eight p.m. If the election is not concluded by twelve o'clock, midnight, it shall be continued as the first order of business at the next day's session.

35. The following officers of Grand Lodge shall be elected by ballot, viz. :—

The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Grand Registrar.

The Grand Tyler shall be elected by open vote.

36. It is the Grand Master's privilege and prerogative to appoint the District Deputy Grand Masters, but the wishes of the representatives from each District shall be expressed in the following manner. The representatives of each District shall meet immediately after the election of the Deputy Grand Master, at such place in Grand Lodge as shall be designated by the chair, and under a presiding member appointed by him. The presiding member shall appoint

two scrutineers, who shall receive the ballots (previously prepared for the purpose by the Grand Secretary in the same form as the ballot papers for the other officers of Grand Lodge), and shall report the result of the vote, giving the number of votes received by each candidate (the Lodges and Past Masters voting in the same manner as upon the election of the other Grand Officers). The candidate receiving the majority of the votes cast shall be the member nominated by the District, and the presiding member shall communicate the result of the ballot to the Grand Master.

37. Each District Deputy Grand Master must be a Past Master and a resident within his respective District, and must not be at the time of his appointment, nor during his term of office, Master of a Lodge.

38. The Grand Chaplains shall be appointed by the Grand Master on the nomination of the representatives from each district expressed in the same manner and at the same time and by the same form of procedure as the District Deputy Grand Masters.

39. All other officers of Grand Lodge shall be appointed by the Grand Master elect, after his installation.

40. The officers so elected shall be duly installed before the close of the Annual Communication. Should any member elected or appointed to office not be presented for installation at the Annual Communication he shall be duly installed at a Regular Communication of a Subordinate Lodge subsequent thereto by the Grand Master or any officer the Grand Master may appoint for the purpose, and a certificate of his installation shall be furnished to the Grand Secretary by the installing officer. Should he not present himself for installation within two months he shall forfeit his election or appointment, and the Grand Master can fill such vacancy as hereinafter provided.

41. No Brother shall be qualified to hold any office in this Grand Lodge (except those of Grand Chaplain, Grand Organist and Grand Tyler) unless he has been regularly installed as Worshipful Master of a Lodge, and be at the time of his election or appointment a member of this Grand Lodge.

42. It shall require a majority of votes cast to elect, and no two of the following officers, viz. : Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden and Junior Grand Warden shall be elected from the same district.

43. No Grand Officer, Past Grand Officer, or Past Master, voting in either of these capacities, shall vote in any other of them, nor as Master or Warden of a Lodge, but either of such members may, as proxy for a Lodge, cast also the vote or votes to which such position shall entitle him.

44. When a Lodge shall be represented by only two of its proper officers, the officer highest in rank may cast two of its three votes.

45. When a Lodge shall be represented by only one of its proper officers, or by a representative, such officer or representative may cast all the votes to which it is entitled.

46. Should any vacancy occur in any office of the Grand Lodge the Grand Master shall appoint a qualified Brother to supply the place *pro tempore*.

PART II.

OF THE GRAND OFFICERS, AND THEIR POWERS AND DUTIES.

OF THE GRAND MASTER.

47. The title of the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge shall be, "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master of Masons of Quebec."

48. The Grand Master, during the interval between the Communications of the Grand Lodge, may exercise all its executive powers, except the granting of charters. By virtue of these authority is given him, among other things :—

1st. To grant dispensations for the formation of new Lodges.

2nd. To grant dispensations for holding elections of an officer or officers at times other than the regular period.

3rd. To grant dispensations to ballot for and confer the degrees upon candidates without the reference of their applications to Committees.

4th. To grant dispensations to receive and act upon the petitions of rejected applicants for the degrees, within a less period than the delay prescribed by this Constitution.

5th. To grant dispensations to receive and act upon the petitions for degrees of persons who may not possess the qualification of residence prescribed.

6th. To grant such other dispensations as may be applied for in accordance with the Constitution, or with Masonic usage.

7th. To convene any Lodge, preside therein, inspect its proceedings, and compel its conformity to Masonic usage.

8th. To arrest the charter or dispensation of any Lodge, for good reason shown, and suspend the operations thereof until the next Annual Communication.

9th. To suspend any officer of any Lodge from the exercise of the powers and duties of his office, for good reasons shown, until the next Annual Communication.

10th. To require the attendance of, and information from, any Grand Officer respecting matters appertaining to the duties of his office.

11th. To appoint representatives near other recognized Grand Lodges, and to receive and accredit representatives from them, such appointments to other Grand Lodges to terminate at the expiry of five years.

12th. To decide all questions of usage, order and Masonic law.

13th. To dedicate Masonic Halls, to lay corner stones of Masonic Halls, public buildings and other structures, or appoint any member of Grand Lodge to act in his place for such purposes.

14th. To appoint such officers as may be required by this Constitution, and to fill any vacancies in the offices of Grand Lodge that may occur.

15th. To suspend or remove any Grand Officer who shall refuse or fail to comply with any order of the Grand Master.

16th. To authorize the Grand Secretary to summon any Brother, reported and recommended for expulsion by his Lodge, to appear before Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication next following the action of the Lodge.

49. It shall be the duty of the Grand Master—

1st. To preside in the Grand Lodge at all its Communications.

2nd. To present at each Annual Communication a written message, therein setting forth his official acts during the year, exhibiting the general condition of Masonry within the Jurisdiction, and recommending such legislation as he may deem necessary or expedient for the welfare of the order.

3rd. To constitute all chartered Lodges, either in person or by a duly authorized representative, in accordance with the ancient usages and regulations.

4th. To exercise a general and careful supervision over the Craft, and see that the Constitution and regulations of the Grand Lodge are strictly maintained, supported and obeyed.

5th. To discharge all the necessary executive functions of the Grand Lodge when that body is not in session.

6th. To cause the ancient landmarks and charges to be observed, and to do and perform the duties of ancient Grand Masters agreeably to the requirements of Masonry in this Grand Lodge.

50. The Grand Master has full authority to preside in any Lodge, and to order any of the Grand Officers to attend him. His Deputy is to be placed at his right hand and the Master of the Lodge at his left. His Wardens are also to act as Wardens of that particular Lodge during his presence, but if the Grand Wardens be not present then the Grand Master may command the Wardens of the Lodge or any other Master Masons to act as his Wardens *pro tempore*.

51. The Grand Master may send his Grand Officers to visit any Lodge he may think proper.

52. The Grand Master may, through the Grand Secretary, summon any Lodge or Brother to attend him, and to produce the warrant, books, papers and accounts of such Lodge, or the certificate of such Brother. If the summons be not complied with, and no sufficient reason given for non-compliance, such summons is to be repeated as a peremptory summons; if such last summons be not attended to, such Lodge or Brother may be suspended, and the proceeding notified to the Grand Lodge. All summonses must have the Grand Lodge seal attached.

53. The Grand Master shall not be applied to officially on any business concerning Masons or Masonry, but through the Grand Secretary, the Deputy Grand Master, or the District Deputy Grand Masters.

54. In case of the death, absence, or inability of the Grand Master, or of a vacancy in his office, the Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden and Junior Grand Warden will in succession assume his prerogatives, powers and duties under the conditions and with the reservations prescribed in this Constitution.

OF THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

55. The duties of the Deputy Grand Master shall be: To assist the Grand Master as he may direct, and, in the cases provided for by the foregoing section, to exercise all the prerogatives and perform all the duties of Grand Master under the reservations and conditions provided for by this Constitution.

56. The Deputy Grand Master has full authority, unless the Grand Master be present, to preside in any Lodge which he may visit, with the District Deputy Grand Master at his right hand and the Master of the Lodge at his left. The Grand Wardens, if present, are to act as Wardens of that particular Lodge during the Deputy Grand Master's continuance there; but if the Grand Wardens be not present then the Deputy Grand Master may command the Wardens of the Lodge, or any other Master Masons, to act as his Wardens *pro tempore*.

OF GRAND WARDENS.

57. When the actual Grand Wardens are in Grand Lodge no others can supply their places, but in their absence the Senior Past Grand Wardens present shall act *pro tempore*. If no Past Grand Warden be present the Grand Master may direct any other member of Grand Lodge to act as Warden for that occasion.

58. The Grand Wardens, whenever commanded, are to attend the Grand Master, and while he presides in any particular Lodge are to act there as his Wardens.

59. In case of the absence, inability or death of both the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, the performance of their several duties shall devolve on the Grand Wardens by seniority.

OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

60. Each District Deputy Grand Master has full authority, in the absence of the Grand Master and of the Deputy Grand Master, to preside in every Lodge he visits within his district, with the Master of the Lodge at his right hand.

61. It shall be the duty of each District Deputy Grand Master to exercise a general supervision over the Craft in his district; he shall visit all the Lodges in his district during his term of office, and see that such Lodges are working properly, and that returns have been regularly forwarded, with all fees and dues that may have accrued; and on refusal or neglect on the part of any Lodge to make such returns and payments he may suspend such Lodge, reporting his action immediately to the Grand Master for approval and confirmation.

62. If a District Deputy Grand Master shall neglect to proceed on any case or business which may be sent for his decision within a reasonable time, the application or complaint may be transmitted to the Grand Secretary. An appeal, in all cases, lies from a District Deputy Grand Master to the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge.

63. Any District Deputy Grand Master may summon any Lodge or Brother within his district to attend him, and to produce the warrant, books, papers, and accounts of such Lodge, or the certificate of any Brother. If the summons be not complied with, and no sufficient reason given for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued, and, in case of contumacy, he may suspend the Lodge or Brother until the will of the Grand Master (to whom he shall immediately report such suspension) be made known.

64. He has power to give or refuse consent for the removal of a Lodge from one place to another within his district, but not from his district into another, nor from another district into his own, and to grant permission for Lodges to attend Divine Service in Regalia.

65. All dispensations shall (accompanied by the fee) be applied for through the District Deputy Grand Master, and forwarded to the Grand Master through the Grand Secretary, who shall keep due record of the same.

66. A dispensation to pass or raise sea-going mariners, initiated in Lodges at the ports of Quebec and Montreal at a less interval of time than one month, must be obtained of the District Deputy Grand Master of the district, and the dispensation shall be issued without charge.

67. Each District Deputy Grand Master is required to transmit to the Grand Secretary, at least fourteen days prior to the Annual Communication, a circumstantial account, in writing, of his proceedings, of the Lodges visited by him, and their condition, and generally the state of Masonry within his district, together with a list of such Lodges as may have been constituted since the last return, and the fees due thereon to the Grand Lodge.

OF THE GRAND CHAPLAINS.

68. The Grand Chaplains shall attend all Communications and other meetings of the Grand Lodge, and there offer up solemn prayer suitable to the occasion, as established by the usages of the Fraternity, and perform such other duties consistent with their position, as the Grand Master may direct.

OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

69. To the Grand Treasurer shall be committed all moneys raised for the general charity, or for any other public use of the Fraternity, of which he shall keep an account in a book, specifying the respective uses for which the several sums are

intended, and shall disburse the same in such manner as the Grand Lodge or other proper authority shall direct, and produce his accounts of receipts and disbursements before every regular Communication, or when called for by the Finance Committee, who shall annually audit such accounts, and make their report thereon at the Annual Communication.

70. The Grand Treasurer shall receive monthly from the Grand Secretary all the monies paid into the treasury of the Grand Lodge for fees and dues. He shall also collect as they fall due all interest or revenues from investments of the funds of the Grand Lodge. These sums comprising the *revenue* of the Grand Lodge, he shall deposit as soon as received in some chartered bank or banks in the City of Montreal in the joint names of the Grand Master and the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge.

71. All disbursements of the Grand Lodge shall be made by the Grand Treasurer. He shall submit all claims made on him to the Chairman of the Committee on Finance for approval before payment, such claims must be authorized either by :—

1°—The Grand Secretary for the usual and ordinary expenses of the Grand Lodge, and within the amount voted by the Grand Lodge for such purposes.

2°—Any of the Committees of the Grand Lodge for the payment of monies voted by the Grand Lodge.

3°—Any order from the Grand Master for the payment of unforeseen or extraordinary expenditure, not previously authorized by the Grand Lodge.

All such payments shall be by cheque, drawn in the joint names of the Grand Master and the Grand Treasurer out of the funds of the Grand Lodge, deposited when received as stated above.

72. The Grand Treasurer shall remit a statement of all such receipts and disbursements to the Grand Master, through the Grand Secretary, on the last day of each month.

OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

73. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary—

1st. To record all the transactions of the Grand Lodge which it is proper to have written : and to superintend the publication thereof immediately after the close of each Communication, under such instructions as may be given by the Grand Lodge.

2nd. To receive, duly fyle, and safely keep all papers and documents addressed or belonging to the Grand Lodge, and to present such as may require its action at each Communication thereof.

3rd. To collect all moneys due to the Grand Lodge, keep a correct account thereof in proper books, and pay the same monthly to the Grand Treasurer.

4th. To report, at each Annual Communication, a detailed account of all moneys received by him during the year, with a specific statement of the sources whence they were derived, and to present therewith the receipts of the Grand Treasurer thereof.

5th. To report at each Annual Communication all Lodges which shall be in arrears to the Grand Lodge, or which shall have neglected or refused to comply with any provisions of its Constitution and regulations.

6th. To conduct the correspondence of the Grand Lodge, and to submit copies thereof at each Annual Communication for its inspection.

7th. To attend the Grand Lodge at all its Communications, and the Grand Master, and the Standing Committees, when required, with the books and all necessary papers appertaining to his office.

8th. To keep his office, with all the books, papers, and archives of the Grand Lodge, in the offices of the Grand Lodge in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Montreal; and to have the same open at least six hours each day, except Sundays and legal holidays, for the transaction of Masonic business.

9th. To transmit to each Lodge within the jurisdiction a list of all rejections, expulsions, and restorations of which he shall have been notified by the several Lodges.

10th. To issue notices of any communication of Grand Lodge to each Lodge, Grand Officer and Past Master within the Jurisdiction.

11th. To issue notices to each Lodge of the granting of a dispensation by the Grand Master for the formation of a new Lodge.

12th. To take charge of the jewels, furniture, clothing, and other paraphernalia of the Grand Lodge.

13th. To furnish every Grand Officer, elected or appointed, with a certificate of such election or appointment.

14th. To act as Grand Librarian and take charge of the library of the Grand Lodge, under such regulations as it may prescribe.

15th. To report, at each Annual Communication, all unfinished business of the Grand Lodge: and to present all such other matters to its notice as may properly come within his province.

16th. To perform all such other duties, appertaining to his office, as the Grand Lodge may direct.

74. He shall execute and fyle in the office of the Grand Master, within fifteen days after his installation, an official bond, in such penal sum and with such sureties as shall be approved by the Grand Master, conditioned that he will faithfully discharge the duties of his office as prescribed in this Constitution.

75. He shall receive such compensation for his services as the Grand Lodge may direct.

OF THE GRAND REGISTRAR.

76. The Grand Registrar shall during the sessions of the Grand Lodge assist in recording the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and during the recess of Grand Lodge, render his assistance to the Grand Secretary in the care of the Grand Lodge Library and such other duties as may be consistent with his office.

OF OTHER GRAND OFFICERS.

77. The Grand Deacons, Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grand Organist, Grand Pursuivant, Grand Stewards and Grand Tyler, shall attend every Communication of the Grand Lodge, and shall perform the duties ordinarily assigned to such officers.

78. The Grand Director of Ceremonies, in addition to his other duties, has the care, during the session of Grand Lodge, of the regalia, clothing, insignia, and jewels belonging to the Grand Lodge.

79. The Grand Pursuivant shall preserve order in the porch at every meeting of the Grand Lodge, and with the assistance of the Grand Tyler and the Brethren nominated for attendance there, see that none except those who have their proper clothing and jewels, and have signed their names to the accustomed papers, and are in all respects qualified, be admitted.

80. Four Grand Stewards shall be annually appointed for the regulation of grand festivals, under the direction of the Grand Master. They shall also assist in conducting the arrangements made for the Communications and other meetings of the Grand Lodge.

81. The Grand Tyler shall, in addition to the regular duties of his office, give his assistance to the Committee on Credentials and the Grand Pursuivant during the sessions of Grand Lodge.

OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES.

82. The Committees shall consist of a chairman and four members, and shall be appointed, as hereinafter provided, at each Annual Communication, and shall hold office from the close of such Communication until the close of the next ensuing Annual Communication.

83. The Committees shall consider all matters submitted to them during the recess of the Grand Lodge by the Grand Master, or by his command, and it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to submit to the several committees the reports of the Grand Officers and the District Deputy Grand Masters, &c., at least ten days before the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

84. The Standing Committees shall be :

1. The Committee on Jurisprudence.
2. " " " the State of Masonry.
3. " " " Foreign Relations and Correspondence.
4. " " " Finance.
5. " " " Benevolence and Charity.
6. " " " Credentials and Reception.

85. The duties of each Committee shall be as follows :—

Jurisprudence.—The consideration of all matters of Masonic Jurisprudence, grievances and appeals, and of all proposed amendments to the Constitution. The members of the Committee shall be in Masonic clothing when they proceed to the investigation of any appeal or complaint.

State of Masonry.—The consideration of all matters respecting the Craft at home; the doings and reports of the Officers of the Grand Lodge; and the internal economy of the Grand Lodge and the Subordinate Lodges.

Foreign Relations and Correspondence.—The consideration of all matters respecting the relations of this Grand Lodge to other Grand Bodies, and the compiling of a Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Finance.—To audit the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary; prepare a report on the finances of the Grand Lodge, and submit at each Annual Communication an estimate of the revenue and proposed expenditure for the ensuing year. The Committee shall have supervision of the finances of the Grand Lodge, examine demands upon the Grand Treasurer, and when found correct and within the appropriations voted by the Grand Lodge, shall authorize the Grand Treasurer to discharge them. No vote of monies shall be considered by the Grand Lodge until a report on the matter has been received from the Committee on Finance. The Grand Treasurer shall be entitled to attend all meetings of the Committee, and give them his advice and assistance.

Benevolence and Charity.—To examine and report on all claims made for assistance or relief, and to recommend as to the disposal of the charitable fund of the Grand Lodge. To prepare a record of all benevolent and relief funds in the Jurisdiction, provided by or under control of the Grand Lodge or Subordinate Lodges; and submit an annual report thereon to Grand Lodge; and further to consider all matters likely to promote and assist the cause of Masonic benevolence, and the relief of the poor and distressed.

Credentials and reception.—The examination of the credentials of all delegates to the Grand Lodge, and the reception and accommodation of visitors; and further to report such recommendations as they deem proper for the better discharge of their duties. The Committee shall attend within the porch of the Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication, for the purpose of guarding, with the assistance of the Grand Pursuivant, against the admission of any but those who are qualified; to see that they have their proper clothing and jewels, that they have signed their names to the attendance register, and are in all respects entitled to admission.

86. Any Committee may, through its Chairman or the Grand Secretary, summon any Lodge or Brother to attend it, and to produce the warrant, books, papers and accounts of the Lodge, or the certificate of the Brother. If such Lodge or Brother do not comply, the Committee shall report such non-compliance to the Grand Master for his action thereon.

87. In case of any matter affecting a member of a Committee, or a Lodge to which he belongs, such member shall withdraw while the Committee is occupied with the investigation thereof.

88. No recommendation, petition, or representation of any kind shall be received by any Committee unless it be in writing and signed.

89. All communications from any Committee shall be in writing.

90. If it be deemed necessary, the Grand Secretary shall attend at any meeting of any such Committee.

91. No remuneration shall be given to any member of any Committee except by special vote of the Grand Lodge.

92. The said Committees shall be appointed in the following manner, viz.: At each Annual Communication nine Brethren, members of Grand Lodge, to be called the Nominating Committee, shall be appointed by the Grand Master (one from each district and three at large), which Nominating Committee shall immediately on the declaration of their appointment, proceed to select from among the members of Grand Lodge five Brethren to serve upon each of such Standing Committees, and shall submit such selection for the approval of Grand Lodge. No Brother shall be selected to serve on more than one Committee. All vacancies occurring shall be filled by appointment of the Grand Master.

93. The Grand Master shall appoint one of the members of each Committee as its Chairman, who shall receive all reports, &c., to be submitted to the Committee, call the members together for consultation at such time and place as to him shall be deemed best, preside at such meetings, and communicate the decisions of the Committee to the Grand Lodge.

94. The Chairman of each Committee shall be its Executive Officer during the recess of the Grand Lodge, and shall act for the Committee in all cases when it is not deemed advisable or convenient to call a meeting of the Committee, but during the sessions of the Grand Lodge the Committee must act as a whole. Three members shall form a quorum at all such meetings of the Committees.

94A. *Grand Master's Address.*—There shall also be a Special Committee, consisting of the Past Grand Masters, or such others as the Grand Master may add thereto, to whom shall be referred the Address of the Grand Master, and who shall report thereon, and refer to the various Standing Committees for their consideration such matters contained therein as they may deem necessary.

OF THE POWERS AND AUTHORITY OF THE GRAND LODGE.

95. The Grand Lodge is the Supreme Masonic Power and Authority in this Province, possessing all the attributes of sovereignty and government—*legislative*, *executive* and *judicial*.

96. Its legislative powers extend to every case of legislation not expressly delegated by itself to the Lodges.

97. Its executive powers include the granting of dispensations and charters to establish and perpetuate Lodges within this Province, and in any other territory where no Grand Lodge exists; the revocation or suspension thereof; the issuing of special dispensations for all purposes permitted by any of the provisions of this Constitution or the general usages of the order; and the exercise, generally, of all such authority as may be necessary to carry its own legislation into complete effect.

98. Its judicial powers are of two kinds:—

1st *Original*—The enforcement of discipline upon the Lodges and Masons under its jurisdiction; and the trial of complaints against any of the Officers of Grand Lodge other than the Grand Master.

2nd *Appellate*—Embracing the revision of all matters of controversy or discipline, proper for Masonic investigation, and over which it has not retained original jurisdiction, and the hearing of appeals instituted as hereinafter provided for.

TRIALS AND APPEALS.

JURISDICTION.

99. The tribunals for the hearing and determining of charges of unmasonic conduct, and Masonic differences generally, shall be as follows:—

I. THE GRAND LODGE—whose jurisdiction shall be—

1st *Original.*

The Grand Lodge shall have original and ultimate jurisdiction to try and determine all charges which may be preferred during their term of office against any of its officers, except the Grand Master, for any offence of commission or omission in their official capacity. The Grand Lodge alone has the power of expelling a Brother from Masonry.

2nd *Appellate.*

An appeal shall be allowed to the Grand Lodge from the decision of any other Masonic tribunal.

II. THE GRAND MASTER—Who shall have original jurisdiction to try and determine all differences between a Lodge or any of its members in one Masonic district, and another Lodge or a member of another Lodge within any other Masonic district, or complaints against any District Deputy Grand Master.

III. THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS OF THE SEVERAL DISTRICTS—Who shall each have original jurisdiction to try and determine all complaints preferred against the Master of any Lodge within their respective districts, and all differences between Lodges or between members of different Lodges in such districts.

IV. SUBORDINATE LODGES—Each of which shall take cognizance of, try and determine all complaints preferred against any one of its members (except the Worshipful Master) by any other of its members; or any charge preferred against any Mason residing within its jurisdiction who is not a member of any Lodge.

OFFENCES.

100. The following are Masonic offences :—

1st. Contempt of God and religion.

2nd. Atheism.

3rd. All offences against the laws of God, or the ordinances of the realm.

4th. All violations of Masonic obligations.

5th. Violation of the secrecy of the ballot or other improper revelations.

6th. Wronging a Mason by fraud.

7th. Unseemly conduct in a Lodge, or disobedience to those in authority or contemptuous language towards them.

8th. Improper solicitation of candidates.

9th. Using a masonic emblem as a trade mark or business sign.

10th. All countenance of impostors, or masonic connection with clandestine masons or irregular Lodges.

11th. Any violation of the Constitution, laws, edicts, rules or regulations of the Grand Lodge, or the by-laws of a Lodge.

PROCEDURE.

101. All complaints shall be made in writing and signed by the accuser, who must be an affiliated Master Mason in good standing. The complaint shall be fyled with:

1° The Grand Master if it be in his jurisdiction or in that of the Grand Lodge;

2° The District Deputy Grand Master if within his Jurisdiction;

3° The Master of the Lodge within whose Jurisdiction the accused is a resident or of which he is a member, if the offence is one within the Jurisdiction of a subordinate Lodge.

102. Immediately upon the receipt of the complaint, the Grand Master, District Deputy Grand Master, or Worshipful Master, as the case may be, if he deem the charge one which should be brought, shall notify the accused that a charge has been made against him, and order him to attend at a specified time and place, in order to take communication of the complaint; and to fyle with him his defense thereto within six days after the time appointed for thus taking communication.

103. The accuser shall be notified of the fyling of such defense and shall be bound to reply thereto within six days thereafter. Upon the fyling of such reply (or the seventh day after the fyling of the defense, if no reply be fyled) the Grand Master, or Worshipful Master, (as the case may be,) shall appoint a Committee of three Master Masons (who shall be when practicable, Past Masters), who shall proceed to hear the evidence after giving notice to the parties interested to attend upon them with their witnesses. In the case of a District Deputy Grand Master he shall himself hear the evidence and adjudicate thereon.

104. The evidence of each witness shall be reduced to writing and signed by him. At the taking of the evidence, no person shall be present except the Committee (who shall be clothed), the parties interested and their counsel, and the witness under examination.

105. When the evidence is completed, the Committee shall deposit the same under seal with their own report with the Grand Master, or Worshipful Master, (as the case may be). When the case is one within the Jurisdiction only of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master shall refer the record to the Committee of Jurisprudence who shall report thereon to Grand Lodge to be dealt with. If within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Master or the District Deputy Grand Master, (as the case may be,) he shall give his decision thereon, and in case of conviction shall award the punishment. If within the Jurisdiction of a subordinate Lodge, the Worshipful Master shall submit the report of the Committee to the Lodge at its next regular communication to be dealt with.

106. Where the case shall be within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge or a subordinate Lodge, the votes of the members shall be taken by ballot first, upon the merits of the case, (a two-third's vote of those present being necessary for conviction,) and secondly, as to the punishment to be

awarded, which punishment shall be either reprimand, indefinite suspension, definite suspension or expulsion from the Order.

107. No sentence of expulsion from the Order can be carried out except by the Grand Lodge; and if the original tribunal consider such should be the punishment, the whole record shall be at once transmitted by the Secretary of the Lodge, or the District Deputy Grand Master (as the case may be), under seal to the Grand Master, who shall refer it to the Committee on Jurisprudence, whose report shall be submitted to Grand Lodge at its next regular communication.

108. Any sentence, except by the Grand Lodge, shall be suspended for the period of ten days after the giving of notice thereof to the accused, who shall within such period be entitled to *appeal* from the decision of the tribunal to Grand Lodge, and upon the fyling of such appeal, the tribunal seized with the case shall at once transmit the record under seal to the Grand Master, who shall refer the same to the Committee on Jurisprudence who shall report thereon to Grand Lodge to be dealt with.

109. Any Mason who shall take an action in any civil or criminal court in consequence of a charge being brought against him before a Masonic tribunal, or of any matter arising therein, shall be deemed to have committed a Masonic offence, and shall be liable to expulsion from the Order.

110. The forms for trials and appeals, as furnished by the Grand Secretary, may be used as a guide but are not part of this Constitution, and not necessarily to be followed.

OF REVISIONS, REVERSALS AND RESTORATIONS

111. A Lodge may, at any stated meeting, by the votes of two-thirds of the members present, annul any sentence of suspension pronounced by itself, and restore the Mason suspended to all his Masonic rights and privileges; provided that notice of a resolution for such restoration shall have been given at the stated meeting next preceding. And, in case of such restoration, the Secretary shall at once notify the restored party and the Grand Secretary thereof.

112. Whenever any Mason suspended for unmasonic conduct, desires to petition the Grand Lodge for restoration to the rights and privileges of Masonry, he shall first make application for such restoration to the Lodge by which he was suspended, if it still be in existence. If his application be there refused, it may then be made to the Grand Lodge, provided that notice, in writing, be given to the Lodge of such intended application, not less than forty days preceding the Annual Communication.

113. Whenever any expelled Mason desires to petition the Grand Lodge for restoration to the rights and privileges of Masonry, he shall, in writing, notify the Lodge from which he was expelled, if it still be in existence, of his intention so to do, at least sixty days before the Annual Communication at which his petition is to be presented, accompanying said notice with a copy of such intended petition; and before said petition shall be considered by the Grand Lodge, proof of the giving of said notice to the Lodge shall be furnished.

114. No petition by a subordinate Lodge to Grand Lodge for the restoration of an expelled Mason shall be considered, unless the same has been approved of by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a Regular Communication of the Lodge, and after notice has been inserted in the summons calling the communication, of the intention to propose the presentation of such petition.

115. The Grand Lodge may, at any Annual Communication, if good cause therefor be shown, and proof be given of the notice herein prescribed, restore to the rights and privileges of Masonry any Mason who has been suspended within its jurisdiction.

116. Every petition for restoration made to the Grand Lodge shall be sent by the Grand Secretary to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who shall report thereon before it is considered by the Grand Lodge.

117. Whenever a judgment of suspension shall be set aside by the Grand Lodge, the Brother who had been suspended shall be at once again entitled to all his rights and privileges as a member of the Craft.

118. No suspension, expulsion, or restoration shall be published otherwise than as hereinbefore provided, except by authority of the Grand Lodge or by order of the Grand Master.

OF FEES.

119. The following shall be the fees payable to Grand Lodge :—

For a dispensation for a new Lodge, ten dollars.

For a warrant of confirmation, twenty dollars.

For a new warrant, in case of loss by fire or otherwise, properly certified as beyond the control of the Lodge, ten dollars.

For a dispensation to initiate a candidate under twenty-one years of age, twenty dollars, to be paid by the candidate.

For a dispensation to confer any degree in less time than one month, ten dollars, to be paid by the candidate unless under special circumstances, in which case, on the recommendation of the District Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Master may remit the fee.

For a dispensation to initiate a person from without the jurisdiction of the Lodge, ten dollars, to be paid by the candidate.

For a dispensation for any public procession or festival, or for wearing regalia in public, or election or installation of officers at a time otherwise than provided in the By-laws or for any other purpose, one dollar.

For a Grand Lodge certificate, two dollars.

For every person initiated in a Lodge, one dollar registration fee.

For every Mason joining from another Lodge in this jurisdiction, fifty cents.

For every Mason joining from without the jurisdiction, one dollar.

Every Lodge shall for each of its members pay towards the fund for Grand Lodge purposes, fifty cents per annum; and for the purposes of the Permanent Benevolent Fund the further sum of fifty cents per annum.

120. Each Lodge shall pay in all fees half-yearly to the Grand Secretary with its returns, viz.: on the first of January and first of July.

OF REGALIA.

121. In the Grand Lodge, and on all occasions where the Grand Officers appear in their official capacities, they shall wear the following regalia, and no Brother shall, on any pretence, be admitted into the Grand Lodge, or any Subordinate Lodge, without his proper clothing.

122. No honorary or other jewel or emblem shall be worn in the Grand Lodge, or any Subordinate Lodge, or at any Masonic funeral, which shall not appertain to, or be consistent with those degrees which are recognized and acknowledged by the Grand Lodge. At festivals and ceremonials the jewels of the following regularly organized bodies of Freemasons in this jurisdiction may be worn, viz.: the

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec, the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Dominion of Canada, and the Sovereign Great Priory of Knights Templar of Canada. Representatives of foreign Grand Lodges may wear the regalia authorized by their Grand Lodge.

123. JEWELS

The Grand Master—The compass extended 45°, with the segment of a circle at the points, and a gold plate included, on which is to be represented an eye irradiated within a triangle also irradiated.

Past Grand Master—A similar jewel without the gold plate.

Deputy Grand Master—The compasses and square united, with a five-pointed star in the centre.

Past Deputy Grand Master—The compasses and square only.

District Deputy Grand Master—The compasses and square united with a five-pointed star in the centre, the whole to be placed within a circle, on which the name of the district is to be engraved.

Past District Deputy Grand Master—The same, omitting the five-pointed star in the centre.

Grand Senior Warden—The level.
Grand Junior Warden—The plumb.
Grand Chaplains—A book on a triangle.
Grand Treasurer—A chased key.
Grand Secretary—Crossed pens, with a tie.
Grand Registrar—A scroll.
Grand Deacons—Dove and olive branch.
Grand Director of Ceremonies—Cross rods
Grand Organist—A lyre.
Grand Pursuivant—Arms of the Grand Lodge, with rod and sword crossed.

The jewels of the Grand Chaplain, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Registrar, Grand Deacons, Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grand Organist and Grand Pursuivant, are to be within a circle with an embossed wreath composed of a sprig of acacia and an ear of corn.

The jewel of a Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge is a cornucopia between the legs of a pair of compasses, extended upon a radiated gold plate, within a circle, on which is engraven, "Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Quebec."

Grand Tyler—The sword in a circle, on which is engraven "the Grand Lodge of Quebec, Grand Tyler."

All the above jewels to be of gold or gilt.

Masters of Lodges—The square.

Past Masters—The square and the diagram of the 47th prob. 1st book of Euclid, engraven on a silver plate, pendant within it.

Senior Warden—The level.
Junior Warden—The plumb.
Chaplain—A book on a triangle.
Treasurer—The key.
Secretary—The cross pens.
Deacons—The dove.
Director of Ceremonies—The cross rods.
Organist—The lyre.
Inner Guard—The cross swords.
Steward—The cornucopia.
Tyler—The sword.

All the above jewels to be of silver.

124. COLLARS.

Of Lodges—To be light blue ribbon four inches broad; if silver chain be used it must be placed over the light blue ribbon. To be worn only by the Officers of Lodges.

Of the Grand Lodge—To be of garter blue ribbon, four inches broad, and bound with gold lace. To be worn by all Members except those privileged to wear chains or special collars of office.

The Grand Stewards of the year, to wear collars of crimson four inches broad, bound with silver lace.

All past Grand Officers, (except those who are entitled to wear chains, to wear the collars of their late offices, with the pendant jewel within a circle.

125. APRONS.

Entered Apprentice—A plain white lamb skin from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep; —square at the bottom, and without ornament ; white strings.

Fellow-craft—A plain white lambskin similar to that of the entered apprentice, with the addition only of two sky blue rosettes at the bottom.

Master Mason—The same, with sky-blue lining and edging, one and a half inch deep, and an additional rosette on the fall or flap, and silver tassels.

The Masters and Past Masters of Lodges—To wear in lieu and in place of the three rosettes, on the Master's apron, perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles ; the length of the horizontal lines to be two inches and a half each, and of the perpendicular lines, one inch ; these emblems to be of ribbon, half an inch broad, and of the same color as the lining and edging of the apron, or of silver.

Grand Stewards, present and past—Apron of the same dimensions, lined with crimson edging of the same color, three and a half inches, bound with silver, and silver tassels.

Grand Lodge—Grand Officers—Aprons of the same dimensions, lined with garter-blue, edging of the same color three and a half inches, bound with gold, and gold tassels, with the emblem of their offices, in gold or blue, in the centre. *Past Grand Officers*—The same with the emblems within a circle. *Other members*—The same without the emblem.

The aprons of the District Deputy Grand Masters to have the emblem of their office in gold embroidery, in the centre, and the acacia and seven eared wheat embroidered on the edging, one on each side.

The apron of the Deputy Grand Master to have the emblem of his office in gold embroidery in the centre, and the pomegranate and the lotus alternately embroidered in gold on the edging.

The apron of the Grand Master to be ornamented with the blazing sun embroidered in gold in the centre, on the edging the pomegranate and lotus, with the seven eared wheat at each corner, and also on the fall; all in gold embroidery; the fringe of gold bullion.

126. CHAINS AND GAUNTLETS.

Grand Master—Chain with nine stars over blue collar, gauntlets bound and embroidered.

Deputy Grand Master—Chain with seven stars over blue collar, gauntlets bound and embroidered.

District Deputy Grand Master—Collar or chain with five stars, gauntlets bound and embroidered.

Senior or Junior Grand Wardens, Chaplains, Treasurer, Secretary and Registrar—Blue collar, gauntlets bound with gold lace.

127. All members of Grand Lodge when present at its communications shall wear the collar, as well as the apron of a member of Grand Lodge, as prescribed herein.

128. Any Lodge fyling with the Grand Secretary proof of its existence as a Lodge for a century or more, shall be entitled to wear as a distinguishing mark, gold lace on the regalia of the Lodge and its members.

PART III.

OF THE SUBORDINATE LODGES.

OF THE ORGANIZATION OF A LODGE.

129. A Lodge can only be formed by authority of a dispensation from the Grand Master, and no charter shall be granted to any Lodge until it shall have worked a time under dispensation, and shall have exhibited to the Grand Lodge satisfactory evidence of its masonic capability.

130. Upon the petition of seven or more Master Masons, being presented to the Grand Master, he may grant them a dispensation to open and hold a Lodge at the place therein to be named, with power to make Masons and receive members by affiliation; and he shall therein appoint the Master and Wardens of the new Lodge. But in no case shall such dispensation be issued unless the petition be accompanied by a recommendation from the nearest chartered Lodge (if from a town or city where more than one Lodge exists, then from one of such Lodges,) setting forth that the petitioners are all Master Masons in good standing, that the establishment of the new Lodge is of manifest propriety and will conduce to the good of the Order, and that a safe and suitable Lodge room

has been provided therefor; nor unless the petition shall also be accompanied by a certificate of withdrawal of each petitioner from the Lodge of which he was last a member *if unaffiliated*, and by a certificate from the District Deputy Grand Master declaring that the Master and Wardens proposed in such petition are fully competent properly to confer the three degrees of Masonry and to deliver the lectures thereunto appertaining.

131. Such dispensation shall terminate at the next succeeding Annual Communication of Grand Lodge; and shall then be returned to the Grand Secretary, together with the books, records, and returns of the new Lodge to that date.

132. Upon the return of the dispensation of a new Lodge, as above, with a petition for a charter, if an examination of its work and proceedings shall prove satisfactory, and if it shall produce a certificate, from the District Deputy Grand Master that the Master and Wardens are thoroughly skilled in the work and lectures, the Grand Lodge may order the issue of a charter to such Lodge, and assign such a name and number on the registry as shall be proper; and such Lodge shall be duly constituted within sixty days thereafter. If the examination be not satisfactory, or such certificate and showing be not produced, the petition may be refused, or a continuance of the dispensation until the next communication may be ordered; but no such continuance shall be granted a second time.

133. The precedency of Lodges is derived from the number of their warrant of Constitution, as recorded in the books of the Grand Lodge. No Lodge shall be acknowledged, nor any of its officers admitted into the Grand Lodge, nor any of its members entitled to partake of the general charity or other Masonic privileges, unless it has been regularly constituted and registered on the registry of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

134. Any Lodge which has been established by warrant from this Grand Lodge, in any territory in which a Grand Lodge did not then exist, and which does not take part in the lawful establishment of a Grand Lodge within said territory, shall thereby forfeit said warrant and all the rights and privileges appertaining thereto, unless within one year after the lawful establishment of a Grand Lodge within such territory, the said Lodge shall become of obedience to the Grand Lodge of the territory within which it is situated.

OF THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF A LODGE.

135. The powers and duties of a Lodge are such as are prescribed in its dispensation or charter, by the Constitution and regulations of the Grand Lodge, and by the general regulations of Masonry, and they are defined as follows :—

1° *Executive*—In the direction and performance of its work, as prescribed by the Grand Lodge, under the control of the Master, who is the primary executive authority of the Lodge.

2° *Legislative*—Including all matters of legislation relative to its internal concerns, which shall not be in violation of the general regulations of Masonry, the Constitution or regulations of the Grand Lodge, or its own particular by-laws.

3° *Judicial*—Embracing the exercise of discipline over its own members (except the Master) and all other Masons within its jurisdiction, and the settlement of controversies between them, subject always to a revision by the Grand Lodge upon appeal.

136. Every Lodge has the power of framing by-laws for its own government, provided they are not contrary to or inconsistent with the general regulations of the Grand Lodge. The by-laws must be submitted to the District Deputy Grand Master for the approbation of the Grand

Master, and when approved, a fair copy must be sent to the Grand Secretary, and also to the District Deputy Grand Master, and when any alteration shall be made such alteration must in like manner be submitted; and no law or alteration shall be valid until so submitted and approved. All proposed alterations must be inserted in the notice or summons of the Lodge for the meeting in which they are to be discussed and voted upon.

137. The by-laws of the Lodge shall be fairly written or printed in a book, and shall be delivered to the Master on the day of his installation, when he shall solemnly pledge himself to observe and inforce them during his Mastership. Every Brother shall also sign them when he becomes a member of the Lodge, as a declaration of his submission to them; and every member shall, at all reasonable times, have access to such by-laws, which should be printed for the use of the Lodge and delivered to the members.

138. The regular days of meeting of the Lodge shall be specified by the by-laws.

139. A Lodge of Emergency may, at any time, be called by summons, giving seven clear days' notice, by the authority of the Master, or, in his absence, of the Senior Warden, or, in his absence, of the Junior Warden, but on no pretence without such authority. A Lodge of Emergency, for the purpose of attending a funeral of a deceased Brother, may be called at any time without the ordinary seven days' notice by the Worshipful Master, or, in his absence, by the Senior Warden, or, in his absence, by the Junior Warden, but not without such authority. The particular reason for calling the Lodge of Emergency shall be expressed by the summons, and afterwards recorded in the minute book, and no business but that so expressed shall be entered upon at such meeting. No Lodge has the power of adjourning from day to day.

140. Every Lodge shall keep a book, in which the members attending at each meeting shall sign their names before entering the Lodge, and a similar book or a portion of the

same book for visitors, who are in like manner to enter their names, Masonic rank and the name of the Lodge from which they hail.

141. Every Lodge must be particularly careful in registering the names of the Brethren initiated therein, and also in making the return of its members; and no person is regularly entitled to partake of the general charity, unless his name be duly registered, a nd he be a contributing member of a Lodge.

142. To prevent injury to individuals, by their being excluded the privileges of Masonry, through the neglect of their Lodges in not registering their names, any Brother so circumstanced, on producing sufficient proof that he has paid the regular fees to his Lodge, shall be capable of enjoying the full privileges of the Craft. But the offending Lodge shall be reported to the Grand Lodge, and rigorously proceeded against for neglecting to make the proper return, and detaining moneys which are the property of the Grand Lodge, and which had been paid to the Lodge for specific appropriation.

143. Each Lodge shall procure for every Brother initiated therein a Grand Lodge certificate, to be paid for by the Lodge, and shall supply him with a copy of this Constitution and of the by-laws of the Lodge.

144. Each chartered Lodge shall transmit to the Grand Secretary a full and correct report of its transactions in such form as may be provided, for the six months ending the first day of July and the first day of January in each year, within fifteen days thereafter; and each Lodge under dispensation shall transmit a similar report from the date of its organization. Every Lodge shall accompany such report with payment of its dues to the Grand Lodge for those periods, and each Lodge shall before the fifteenth of January in each year make a return to the Grand Secretary, of the Master and Wardens of the Lodge and all Past Masters members thereof, and no Brother shall be permitted to vote in Grand Lodge unless his name shall appear in such return.

145. Each chartered Lodge shall, within two months from the date of its charter, provide a suitable seal, bearing such device as may be deemed proper and having inscribed thereon the name and number of the Lodge, the date of its charter, and the place of its location; and all documents or papers of any kind whatsoever emanating from such Lodge, or from its Master or Secretary in his official capacity, shall bear the impress of such seal or be considered null and of no effect. An impression of the seal is to be sent to the Grand Secretary, and whenever changed an impression of the new seal shall in like manner be transmitted.

146. Each Lodge shall have all official communications from the Grand Master or Grand Secretary read in open Lodge at the stated meeting next following their receipt.

147. Each Lodge shall provide the several books required to be kept by its Secretary.

148. All Lodges are particularly bound to observe the same usages and customs; every deviation, therefore, from the established mode of working is highly improper, and cannot be justified or countenanced. In order to preserve this uniformity, and to cultivate a good understanding among Freemasons, some member of every Lodge should be deputed to visit the other Lodges as often as may be convenient.

149. The jewels and furniture of every Lodge belong to, and are the property of the Master, Wardens and Brethren of such Lodge, and shall be insured against loss by fire.

150. The majority of the members of a Lodge, when congregated, have the privilege of giving instructions to the Master and Wardens, or other representative, before the meeting of the Grand Lodge, because such officers are their representatives, and are supposed to speak their sentiments.

151. Each Lodge may provide, in such manner as it may deem proper, for the payment of its officers or representatives in attending the Communications of the Grand Lodge.

THE DUTIES OF A MASTER OF A LODGE.

152. The Master is responsible that a book, or books, be kept, in which the Secretary shall enter the names of the members of the Lodge, and of all persons initiated or admitted therein, with the dates of their proposal, admission or initiation, passing and raising; and also their ages, as nearly as possible, at that time, and their titles, profession or trade, together with such transactions of the Lodge as are proper to be written.

153. All minutes, lists and books of account, belonging to a Lodge, must be produced by the Master, when he shall be so required by competent authority.

154. The Master is to see that all moneys received or paid on account of the Lodge, be entered in proper books by the Secretary and Treasurer. The accounts of the Lodge shall be audited at least once in every year, by a Committee appointed by the Lodge.

155. The Master of every Lodge is to cause the ancient charges, the regulations of the Grand Lodge relating to private Lodges, and the by-laws of his Lodge, to be read in open Lodge once every year.

156. Every Master, before being placed in the chair, shall solemnly pledge himself to observe all the old established usages and customs, and to preserve the land-marks of the Order, and most strictly to enforce them within his own Lodge.

157. The Master is responsible for the due observance of the laws relating to private Lodges.

158. The Master shall have power—

1st. To congregate his Lodge whenever he shall deem it proper;

2nd. To issue, or caused to be issued, all summons or notices which may be required;

3rd. To discharge all the executive functions of his Lodge; and

4th. To perform all such other acts, by ancient usage proper to his office, as shall not be in contravention of any provision of the Constitution or regulations of the Grand Lodge.

It shall be his duty—

1st. To preside at all meetings of his Lodge;

2nd. To confer all degrees in strict accordance with the ritual which has been, or may hereafter be, ordained by the Grand Lodge;

3rd. To give, or cause to be given by the officers of the Lodge, the lectures appertaining to each degree, at the time it is conferred, in accordance with such ritual;

4th. To examine the record of proceedings of each meeting of his Lodge, and when confirmed, subscribe his approval thereto;

5th. To superintend the official acts of all the officers of his Lodge and see that their respective duties are properly discharged; and

6th. To carefully guard against any infraction, by the members of his Lodge, of its own by-laws, of the Constitution or regulations of the Grand Lodge, or of the general regulations of Masonry.

159. For the neglect or violation of any duty imposed by this Constitution upon the Master of a Lodge, he shall be subject to deprivation of office, suspension, or expulsion.

OF THE OFFICERS.

160. All preferment among Masons shall be grounded upon real worth and personal merit only; therefore no brother shall be elected Master of a Lodge, or appointed to any office therein, merely on account of seniority or rank.

161. No Master elect shall assume the Master's chair until he shall have been regularly installed. It is necessary, previous to the installation of the Master. that his election be confirmed; after which the usual ceremonies of installation are to be performed.

162. Should the election of a Master not be confirmed, then under dispensation from the Grand Master a summons must be issued for a meeting of the Lodge, setting forth that the brethren are again to proceed to elect a Master; and on the confirmation of that election, the installation of the Master will follow.

163. The officers of a Lodge are the Master and his two Wardens, with their assistants, the two deacons, inner guard and tyler; to which, for the better regulation of the private concerns of the Lodge, are to be added a Treasurer and Secretary. A Chaplain, a Director of Ceremonies, Organist and Stewards may also be added. They shall hold office until their successors shall have been regularly elected or appointed and installed.

164. The Master, Wardens, Chaplain, Treasurer and Secretary of each Lodge shall be elected annually, by ballot, at the stated meeting next preceding the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, or at such other time as may be provided by its by-laws; and a majority of the votes of the members present shall be necessary to elect. They shall be installed within forty days thereafter, and shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall have been duly elected and installed.

165. In case any Lodge shall fail to hold such election or installation at the time above named, upon good cause being shown therefor, the Grand Master may issue a dispensation to hold such election or installation at another time; and in case a vacancy shall at any time occur in either of the offices

of Master or Warden in any Lodge, upon proper representation of the necessity therefor, the Grand Master may issue a dispensation for an election to fill such vacancy. But, in either of these cases, such dispensation shall be issued only upon the application of the Lodge, setting forth the reasons therefor, properly certified by the Secretary; and of the special election which may thus be ordered, the members shall have due notice.

166. None but members in good standing shall be entitled to vote at an election.

167. Every Master Mason shall be eligible to any office in the Lodge, except that of Worshipful Master, for which only a Brother who has been duly elected and served for one year as warden of a Lodge shall be eligible.

168. The Deacons and such other subordinate officers as the by-laws of each Lodge may designate, shall be appointed by the Master after his installation; and the officers so appointed shall be properly invested as soon as practicable. The Tyler shall be elected at the annual meeting by open vote.

169. If the Master should die, be removed, or be incapable of discharging the duties of his office, the Senior Warden, and in the absence of the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden shall act as Master in summoning the Lodge until the next election of officers.

170. It shall be the duty of the Wardens to assist the Master in the performance of his duties, and to discharge all those duties which ancient usage has assigned to their respective stations.

171. If the Master be not present, the Immediate Past Master, or if he be not present, the Senior Past Master of the Lodge, present, shall take the chair. If no Past Master of the Lodge be present, then the Senior Warden, or in his absence, the Junior Warden may rule the Lodge, but not confer degrees.

172. A Past Master of any other Lodge may be invited to officiate as Master, and may confer degrees or perform any other ceremony.

173. In the absence of the Master, the Senior Warden, and in his absence also, the Junior Warden shall succeed to and be charged with all the powers and duties (not otherwise expected) of the Master.

174. From the decisions of the Master, there shall be no appeal to the Lodge: but objections to such decisions may be laid before the Grand Master or the District Deputy Grand Master, and by him be determined subject to appeal to the Grand Lodge.

175. In all cases of a tie vote (except in case of election of officers), the Master, in addition to his proper vote, may have the casting vote.

176. The Master and Wardens of a Lodge are enjoined to visit other Lodges as often as they conveniently can, in order that the same usages and customs may be observed throughout the Craft, and a good understanding be thereby cultivated among Freemasons.

177. No Warden or other elective officer of a Lodge can resign his office; nor can he be removed except by vote of the Lodge for a cause which the Lodge may consider sufficient; but if the Master is dissatisfied with the conduct of any of the officers appointed by him he has power to remove such member from office and appoint another in his place.

178. The Master and Wardens of every Lodge, when summoned so to do, shall attend the Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge, or any Board or Committee authorized by the Grand Lodge and produce the warrant, minutes and books of the Lodge, under pain of suspension, and of being reported to the Grand Lodge.

179. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer—

1st. To receive and safely keep all moneys or property of every kind which shall be placed in his hands by order of the Lodge; under conditions to be specified in the By-Laws of each Lodge;

2nd. To disburse or transfer the same, or any part thereof, upon the order of the Master duly attested by the Secretary; after a vote by the Lodge;

3rd. To keep a book or books wherein a correct account of his receipts and disbursements shall be exhibited;

4th. To present a statement of the finances of the Lodge whenever required; and

5th. To perform such other duties, appertaining to his office, as the By-Laws may require or the Lodge may at any time direct.

180. It shall be the duty of the Secretary—

1st. To record all the proceedings at each meeting, which it is proper should be written, under the direction of the Master, in a minute book to be kept for that purpose; and to submit such record to the Lodge, for approval and confirmation, at its next stated meeting;

2nd. To prepare and transmit a copy of such record, or of any part thereof, to the Grand Lodge, when required;

3rd. To collect and receive all moneys due to the Lodge and pay them over immediately to the Treasurer;

4th. To keep the seal of the Lodge and to affix the same with his attestation, to all papers issued under its authority or in obedience to the requirements of the constitution and regulations to the Grand Lodge;

5th. To transmit to the Grand Secretary, immediately after each election and installation in the Lodge, a certificate thereof in the form prescribed;

6th. To transmit to the Grand Lodge the semi-annual report required in such form as shall be provided, with the dues and fees owing to the Grand Lodge ;

7th. To report to the Grand Secretary, immediately after their occurrence, all rejections, suspensions, withdrawals, deaths and restorations, in the forms provided.

181. The Secretary shall keep the following books of the Lodge, in such forms as may be provided—

1st. A minute book, in which he shall record all the transactions of the Lodge, proper to be written ;

2nd. A book of By-Laws, for the signatures of the members in the order of their admission, in which he shall see that each member at once signs his name in full ;

3rd. A roll book, in which he shall record the full name or names of all belonging to the Lodge ; the dates of their initiation, passing, raising or affiliation ; the name, number, and location of the Lodges of which those affiliated were last previously members ; the age and occupation of each ; and the dates of their withdrawal, suspension, expulsion, death, or restoration ;

4th. A black book, in which he shall record the full name or names of those rejected, expelled, suspended, or restored by the Lodge or any other Lodge, so far as he shall receive the proper notice thereof ;

5th. A register, to be kept in the Tyler's room, in which all members shall record their names before entering the Lodge, and each visitor shall record his name, and the name, number, and location of his Lodge ;

6th. If it be deemed more convenient, instead of keeping separate books, as above provided, separate parts of the same book may be used for two or more of the purposes named.

7th. He shall also keep such account books as may be necessary to present clearly the account of each member

with the Lodge, the receipts of the Secretary, and his payments to the Treasurer; and shall preserve the book of constitutions, and the regulations of the Grand Lodge which may from time to time be published, together with all the printed proceedings thereof as promulgated by its Order.

182. The Deacons, Tyler, and other appointed officers, shall perform such duties, consonant with the usages of the Craft and appertaining to their respective offices, as may be required by the By-Laws or directed by the Master.

183. The Tyler may at any time be removed, for cause deemed sufficient by a majority of the brethren present at a regular meeting of the Lodge. If any Tyler shall officiate or attend at any meeting, or pretended Lodge of Masons, not being regularly constituted, or not acknowledging the authority of the Grand Master, he shall thereby be rendered incapable of ever being a Tyler or attendant on a Lodge, and shall be excluded the benefit of the general charity.

OF PROHIBITIONS.

184. No Lodge shall remove its place of meeting from that named in its dispensation or charter, unless notice shall have been given at a stated meeting that a resolution for such removal will be offered at the next succeeding one, nor unless such resolution shall have been adopted by the votes of at least two-thirds of the members present at such succeeding stated meeting; nor shall such removal then take place until the action of the Lodge shall have been approved by the District Deputy Grand Master, Grand Master or Grand Lodge.

185. No Lodge or officer, or member of a Lodge, shall, under any circumstances, give a certificate or recommendation, to enable a Mason to proceed from Lodge to Lodge as a pauper, or in an itinerant manner to apply to Lodges for relief.

186. No Lodge shall form any public procession without a dispensation from the Grand Master, except in the case of a funeral, which shall be immediately reported to the Grand Secretary and the District Deputy Grand Master.

187. No Lodge, nor any Mason, shall appear in Masonic clothing in any public procession or place, without permission from the Grand Master, except for the burial of a Brother.

188. No Lodge shall receive lectures from any person who is not duly authorized by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master.

189. No Lodge or Mason shall hold Masonic communication with any Lodge that has been declared illegal by the Grand Lodge, or with any person who has received degrees in, or is a member of such a Lodge.

190. No Lodge shall admit a visitor without due inquiry or examination, nor if there be, in the opinion of the Master, a valid objection made to such admission by a member of the Lodge.

191. No Lodge shall recognize any body, purporting to be a Masonic Lodge, which shall be holden within the jurisdiction of any Grand Lodge, without authority from such Grand Lodge; nor shall any Lodge, or any member thereof, admit or hold Masonic intercourse with a member of any such body.

192. No Lodge shall recognize as a Mason any person who, being at the time a resident of this province, has received the degrees of Masonry from any source beyond the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, without permission of the Grand Master.

193. The majority of the members present at any Lodge, duly summoned, have an undoubted right to regulate their

own proceedings provided that they are consistent with the general laws and regulations of the Craft; no member, therefore, shall be permitted to enter in the minute book of his Lodge a protest against any resolution or proceedings which may have taken place, except by permission of the Master.

OF THE DISSOLUTION OF LODGES AND THE SUSPENSION OF THEIR POWERS.

194. A Lodge may be dissolved—

1° By the voluntary surrender of its charter, when such surrender shall have been accepted by the Grand Lodge: or

2° By the revocation of its charter by the Grand Lodge.

195. As every warranted Lodge is a constituent part of the Grand Lodge, in which assembly all the power of the fraternity resides, it is clear that no other authority can destroy the power granted by a warrant; if, therefore, the majority of any Lodge shall determine to quit the Lodge, the Constitution or power of assembling remains with the rest of the members, provided their number be not less than seven, otherwise the warrant ceases and becomes extinct; but should the members of a Lodge desire to surrender the warrant, notice shall be given at a regular Communication that a resolution to that effect will be proposed at a stated meeting of the Lodge, called for the purpose; and if at such stated meeting (the notice of motion having been placed in the summons for the information of every member) a majority of at least three-fourths of the members present resolve to surrender the warrant, a copy of the meeting shall be sent to the Grand Lodge, through the Grand Secretary, with a request that the decision of the Lodge be confirmed. But no such act of surrender shall be considered final until it shall have been approved and accepted by the Grand Lodge, or Grand Master.

196. Should any two Lodges by resolution passed by a three-fourths majority of each Lodge, express a wish to amalgamate, the Grand Lodge may sanction such amalgamation upon petition by such Lodges, and on such terms as may have been agreed upon by the said Lodges, or as Grand Lodge itself may determine. Provided, however, that no resolution having in view any such amalgamation shall be proposed, except at a stated meeting of the Lodge, and after one month's notice thereof has been given, and the resolution itself placed upon the summons and addressed to each member of the Lodge. The amalgamated Lodge may bear the name and number of one of the Lodges composing it, in which case it may retain the charter and seal of that Lodge: or it may bear the name of one and the number of the other Lodge, or it may be called by another name and retain the number of one of the component Lodges, and shall in either of such latter cases receive a new charter, and provide a new seal; or it may have an endorsement of the authorization of the amalgamation by the Grand Lodge made upon the charter of one of the component Lodges.

197. The charter of a Lodge may be forfeited—

1st. By disobedience to any provision of the Constitution or regulations of the Grand Lodge;

2nd. By disregard of the lawful authority of the Grand Master;

3rd. By violation or neglect of the ancient and recognized usages of the Craft;

4th. By receiving applicants known to be unworthy, or refusing or neglecting to discipline unworthy members; or

5th. By failure to meet during a period of twelve successive months.

198. Any Lodge, the fees due by which have not with the returns required by this Constitution been received by the Grand Secretary on or before the fifteenth of January, in

each year, shall by summons mailed prepaid to or served upon the Secretary or Master of such Lodge, be notified in writing by the Grand Secretary, and summoned to show cause why such Lodge should not be erased; and any Lodge failing, after such summons, to make such return and pay over the fees due before the meeting of Grand Lodge, or to show good cause why it should not be compelled so to do, shall be liable to have its warrant arrested without further summons.

199. But no charter shall be forfeited unless charges against the Lodge shall have been presented to and investigated by the Grand Lodge, of which charges the Lodge accused shall have had due notice; though the same may be arrested until the next Annual Communication, either by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, upon satisfactory reasons therefore being shown.

200. The forfeiture or arrest of the charter of a Lodge involves the suspension of all its members from the rights and privileges of Masonry, except those who may be specially declared exempted from such effect.

201. The surrender or forfeiture of the charter of a Lodge, when declared by the Grand Lodge, shall be conclusive upon the Lodge and its members; and all the authority granted by such charter, together with all the records, funds, jewels, furniture, dues, and property of the Lodge, shall revert to and become the property of Grand Lodge.

202. If any Lodge, or its Master and Wardens, be summoned to attend, or to produce its warrants, books, papers or accounts before the Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Master, or any community or Brother authorized by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, and do not comply, nor give sufficient reason for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued; and in case of contumacy, such Lodge may be suspended, and the proceedings notified to the Grand Lodge.

PART IV.

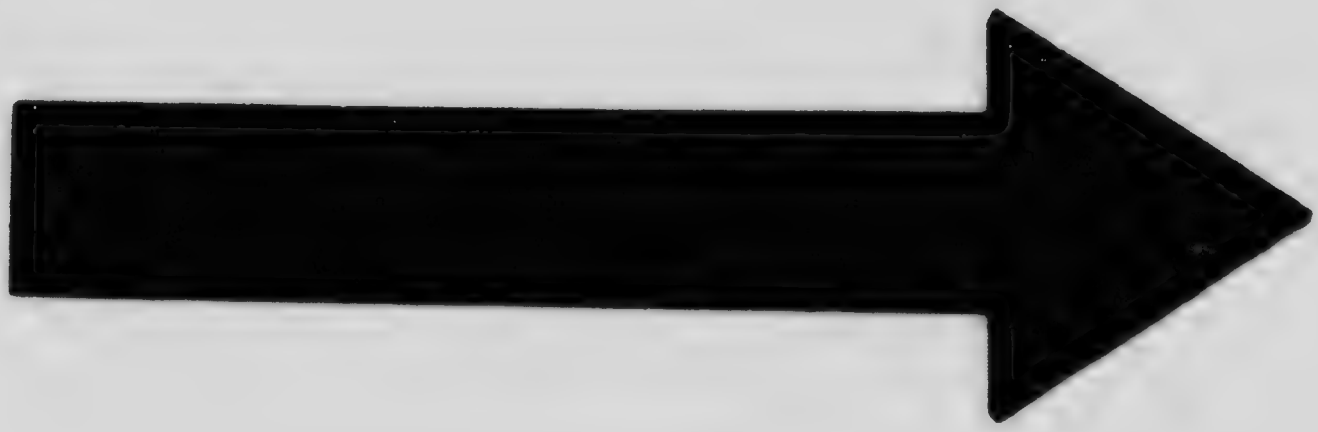
OF INDIVIDUAL MASONS.

OF AFFILIATION AND INITIATION.

203. Great discredit and injury having been brought upon our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity, from admitting members and receiving candidates without due notice being given, or inquiry made into their characters and qualifications; and also, from the passing and raising of Masons without due instruction in the respective degrees; it is determined that in future, the violation or neglect of any of the following laws, shall subject the offending Lodge to erasure, because no emergency can be allowed as a justification.

204. No Brother shall be admitted a member of a Lodge without a written application recommended by two members of the Lodge and submitted in open Lodge at a regular meeting, nor until a Committee has been appointed, and their report thereon received, and his name, occupation and place of abode, as well as the name and number of the Lodge of which he is or was last a member, shall have been sent to all the members in the summons for the next stated Lodge meeting, and the decision of the Brethren ascertained by ballot. When a Lodge has ceased to meet, any former member thereof shall be eligible to be proposed and admitted a member of another Lodge on producing a certificate of the Grand Secretary stating the fact, and specifying that the Brother has been registered and his dues paid.

205. No Lodge shall ballot upon an application for affiliation unless it be accompanied by a proper demit from the



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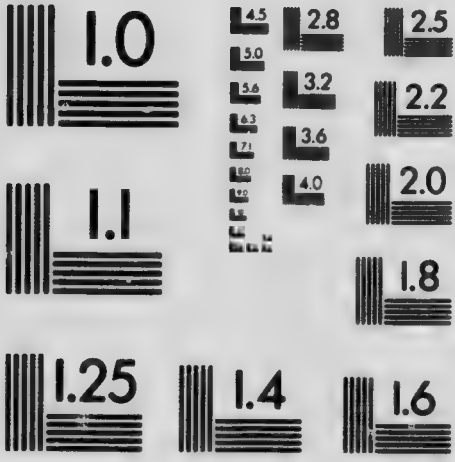

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Lodge of which the applicant was last a member, or a satisfactory explanation, in writing, of his inability to furnish such demit. If the applicant be a member of a Lodge without this jurisdiction, he must furnish proof of good standing.

206. No person shall be made a Mason in, or admitted a member of a Lodge, if, on the ballot, two black balls appear against him. Some Lodges wish for no such indulgence, but require the unanimous consent of the members present; the by-laws of each Lodge must, therefore, guide them in this respect, but if there be two black balls, such person cannot, on any pretence, be admitted.

207. No person shall be made a Mason in the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge unless he possess the following necessary qualifications:—

1° He must be free born, and his own master, of mature age, sound judgment, and strict morals.

2° He must possess the necessary physical qualifications required of every candidate for Freemasonry; unless a dispensation be granted by the Grand Master to qualify this regulation in particular and special cases where no evil can ensue.

3° He must be able to read and write and of sufficient education and intelligence to fully comprehend the obligations he takes and his duties to the craft, to the Grand Lodge, and to his Lodge.

4° He must have been a resident of the Province of Quebec for twelve months, and of his then place of abode therein over six months previous to the date of his application.

5° He must not have been rejected by any Lodge within the previous twelve months.

6° He must be possessed of sufficient means to enable him to meet the charges of his initiation and the support of his membership in the craft without detriment to his family and connections.

208. No dispensation shall be issued to a Lodge to ballot for and confer the degrees upon a candidate without reference to a committee, nor to receive and act upon the petition of a rejected applicant within less than twelve months after the date of such rejection, nor upon the petition for degrees of a person who has not the required qualification of residence, unless the application therefor be made by the Lodge, by a unanimous vote, by ballot.

209. No person under the age of twenty-one years shall be made a Mason in any Lodge, unless by dispensation from the Grand Master ; nor shall any dispensation suspend the operations of the law requiring seven day's notice, and the ballot. He should be a lover of the liberal arts and sciences, and have made some progress in one or the other of them ; and he must, previous to his initiation, subscribe his name, at full length to a declaration of the following import, viz. :

PETITION FOR THE DEGREES OF MASONRY.

To the Worshipful Master, the Wardens, and Members of

.....Lodge, No....A.F. and A.M. :—

The undersigned respectfully represents that, unbiassed by friends and uninfluenced by mercenary motives, he freely and voluntarily offers himself as a candidate for the mysteries of Masonry ; that he is prompted to solicit this privilege by a favorable opinion conceived of the institution, a desire for knowledge, and a sincere wish to be serviceable to his fellow-creatures ; that he has resided in the Province of Quebec more than one year, and at the place below named more than six months, next preceding the date hereof ; that he has not, within twelve months past, been rejected by any

Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons ; and that he promises, if found worthy, to conform to all the ancient usages and regulations of the fraternity.

His place of residence is....., his age .... years, and his occupation .....
(*Date,*)....., A.L. 59..

(*Signature,*) ....

Recommended by Bros. { .....
(*Must be members of the Lodge.*)
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210. The application of a candidate, as stated in the previous section, having been presented at a regular Communication of the Lodge, it must, before being acted upon, be accepted by a resolution of the Lodge to the effect that the petition be received, placed on record and balloted for at the next regular Communication. A Committee of enquiry shall then be appointed by the Master, whose duty it shall be to make due enquiry into the character of the candidate and his moral, mental, physical and other necessary qualifications, as comprised in Section 207. The name, age, addition or profession and place of abode of the candidate shall be sent to all the members in the summons for the next regular meeting, as well as the names of his proposer and seconder, when the report of the Committee of Enquiry shall be received and read. If the *report* be *unfavorable* the candidate will be considered rejected, and the Master will so declare it. If the *report* be that the candidate is properly qualified as to his moral and mental qualifications, but does not possess the necessary physical or residential qualifications, it will be so recorded in the minutes, and the Lodge may take such further action thereon as may be proper. Should the Committee ask for an extension of time, and fail to report within two months, a new application must be made. If the *report* be *favorable* the Master will declare that the ballot will then be passed on the application of the candidate. If the *ballot* is found to be *favor-*

able after examination by the Wardens and Master, it shall be so declared from the chair. If the *ballot* be *not favorable* the Master, without declaring the result, may at once order a second ballot for the purpose of correcting a possible mistake, which ballot shall be the last. If the *ballot* be *still unfavorable* the Master shall declare the candidate rejected, and in no case, after one ballot has been had, shall any discussion be permitted in the Lodge, nor shall any member leave the room before the second ballot is declared.

No ballot shall be taken upon any application unless the name of the applicant, as above provided for, appears on the summons for that meeting; nor can more than one applicant be balloted for at the same time.

211. No Lodge shall initiate a candidate whose residence is nearer another Lodge in this jurisdiction without the consent, by a resolution of that Lodge (which shall be signified in writing), unless by dispensation of the Grand Master, or in a town or city where there is more than one Lodge, in which case each Lodge has concurrent jurisdiction. The jurisdiction extends in every direction, half way to the nearest Lodge.

212 In case of emergency the following alteration as to the mode of proposing a candidate is allowed. Any two members of a Lodge may transmit, in writing, to the Master, the usual declaration of any candidate whom they wish to propose, and the circumstances which cause the emergency; and the Master, if the emergency be proper, shall issue a not to every member, appoint a Committee as before provided, and at the same time summon the Lodge to meet at a period of not less than seven clear days from the issuing of the summons, for the purpose of balloting for the candidate; if the candidate be then approved, he may be initiated into the first degree of Masonry. The Master shall, previous to the ballot being taken, cause the said proposition, and the emergency stated, to be recorded in the minute book of the Lodge.

213 Every candidate initiated in a Lodge becomes a member thereof from the date of his initiation, and is liable for the regular Lodge dues.

214. No Lodge shall have more than one ballot for the three degrees, but, though an applicant may be elected to receive them, if at any time before his initiation objection be made—in the case of Lodges requiring two black balls to reject, by two members of the Lodge, or in the case of Lodges requiring unanimous consent, by any member he shall not receive the degree until such objection shall have been withdrawn, and such objection shall, unless withdrawn within sixty days, have the effect of a rejection by ballot, and shall be so reported to the Grand Secretary.

215. If, after initiation, but before being passed or after passing before being raised, objection to the advancement of any Brother be made by any member, such objection shall be referred to a Committee, with power to enquire into the cause thereof, who shall at the next stated meeting (unless further time be given) report thereon ; and upon the reception of such report, if no cause for the objection has been assigned, or if the cause assigned be in the opinion of two-thirds of the members present, not a valid and Masonic one, the Lodge may confer the degree in the same manner as if no objection had been made ; but if the objection be sustained by the Lodge then the Brother must be proceeded against, as provided for in cases of Trials and Appeals.

216. Every candidate shall, on his initiation, solemnly promise to submit to the Constitution, and to conform to all the usages and regulations of the Craft ; he must, on his initiation, sign the by-laws of the Lodge, a copy of which, together with a copy of the Constitution of Grand Lodge, shall then be presented to him.

217. No Lodge shall advance an Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft to a higher degree before at least one month has elapsed since the conferring on him of the previous degree, nor until, after a strict examination in open Lodge, he shall have given satisfactory evidence that he is entirely

proficient and well qualified in that or those which he has already taken.

218. No Lodge shall confer the three degrees for a less fee than twenty dollars. Each application shall be accompanied by the sum of five dollars, except the Lodge by its by-laws or by resolution provide otherwise.

219. No Lodge shall confer degrees upon more than five candidates at any one meeting; nor shall confer more than one degree upon any one candidate at any one meeting, unless by dispensation from the Grand Master; nor shall confer either of the degrees upon more than one candidate at a time, except such portion of a degree as can be conferred on more than one candidate at a time consistent with the ritual of the degree.

220. When a Brother becomes a member of another Lodge after his withdrawal from the Lodge in which he has received the first degree or the first and second degree, the Lodge of which he becomes a member, if no valid objection be made to his advancement, will proceed to confer on him the remaining degree for such fees and under such regulations as will be provided for by their by-laws, or in the absence of such regulations by a resolution of the Lodge. No Lodge shall confer any higher degree on an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft not a member thereof without the consent of the Lodge of which he is a member, except by dispensation from the Grand Master.

221. No member of a Lodge, when present, shall be excused or permitted to refrain from voting upon a ballot for affiliation or for the degrees of Masonry.

222. Any Brother who shall violate the secrecy of the ballot on candidates for initiation or membership, by stating how he voted or intended to vote, or by endeavoring to ascertain how a Brother voted, or if he should be aware and mention it to another Brother, shall render himself liable to suspension.

OF MEMBERSHIP IN A LODGE.

223. Membership in a Lodge may be acquired—

1st. By having been regularly initiated therein :

2nd. By having been duly elected for affiliation therewith :

3rd. By having been named in a dispensation for a new Lodge as one of the petitioners therefor : or

4th. By the consolidation into one Lodge of two or more Lodges, of one of which he was a member.

224. It is the duty of every Master Mason to be a member of some Lodge, and every non-affiliated Mason who, having resided six months within this Province, shall refuse or neglect to make application for membership to some Lodge therein, shall not be entitled to any of the rights, privileges, or charities of the Order.

225. No Mason shall be a member of more than one Lodge in this jurisdiction at the same time (except as an honorary member). This rule shall not, however, refer to Brethren now members of more Lodges than one, so as to affect such membership.

226. Membership in a Lodge can only be terminated—

1st. By the dissolution of the Lodge :

2nd. By the consolidation of the Lodge with another Lodge or other Lodges :

3rd. By voluntary withdrawal therefrom, after proper notice given :

4th. By acquiring membership in another Lodge : and

5th. By death, suspension or expulsion.

227. A member of a Lodge, in good standing and whose dues are paid, may withdraw therefrom at any time by personally or in writing, notifying the Lodge of his intention so to do at a stated meeting, and he shall receive a certificate of the fact of such withdrawal.

228. All Masons who were members in good standing of a Lodge at the date of the surrender of its charter, and whose dues shall have been paid, are entitled to and shall receive from the Grand Secretary a certificate of that fact, which certificate shall have the same effect as the regular certificate of withdrawal issued by an existing Lodge.

229. Whenever a member of any Lodge shall withdraw or whenever, after such withdrawal he may require it, he shall be furnished with a certificate of his standing; and such demit is to be produced to any other Lodge of which he is proposed to be admitted a member, previous to the ballot being taken.

PROHIBITIONS AND PENALTIES.

230. No Brother shall be admitted a member of a Lodge, unless the laws of the Craft relating to the proposing and admitting of candidates shall have been strictly complied with.

231. A Brother who has been concerned in making Masons clandestinely, or at a Lodge which is not a regular Lodge, or for small and unworthy considerations, or who may assist in forming a new Lodge without the Grand Master's authority, shall not be admitted as a member, nor even as a visitor, into any regular Lodge, nor partake of the general charity, or other Masonic privilege, till he make due submission and obtain grace.

232. If any member shall be under suspension from his Lodge, or shall withdraw himself from it without having complied with its by-laws, and the general regulations of the Craft, he shall not be eligible for admission to any other Lodge.

233. No Mason shall hold any Masonic intercourse with an expelled or suspended Mason, with an illegal Lodge, with any person who has received degrees therein or is a member thereof, nor with any Mason not acknowledged as such by this Grand Lodge.

234. No Brother shall presume to print, or publish, or cause to be printed or published, the proceedings of any Lodge or any part thereof, or the names of the persons present at such Lodge, without the direction of the Grand Master, or the District Deputy Grand Master, under pain of being expelled from the Order. This law is not to extend to the writing, printing or publishing of any notice or summons issued to the members of a Lodge, by the authority of the Master, or the proceedings of any festival or public meeting at which persons not Masons are permitted to be present.

235. Every Lodge has the power of suspending a member for gross, immoral or infamous conduct, but no Lodge shall suspend any member without giving him due notice of the charge preferred, or complaint made against him, and of the time appointed for its consideration. He shall be at liberty to be present, and be afforded every opportunity of defending himself; when the case has been investigated he shall withdraw, and the vote of every Brother present shall be given by ballot. The name of every Brother suspended together with the cause of his suspension shall be sent to the Grand Secretary, and also to the District Deputy Grand Master.

236. A Mason offending against any law or regulation of the Craft, to the breach of which no specific penalty is attached, shall, at the discretion of the Grand Lodge or any of its delegated authorities, be subject to admonition or suspension, or by the Grand Lodge only, to expulsion.

237. For the violation of the ancient landmarks of the Order, of the Constitution or regulations of the Grand Lodge,

of the by-laws of his Lodge, or of any portion of the Masonic or moral law, a member, or any other Mason within the Jurisdiction of a Lodge, may, after due trial, be reprimanded, suspended, or reported to the Grand Lodge for expulsion.

238. If any Brother behave in such manner as to disturb the harmony of the Lodge, and be thrice formally admonished by the Master, and persist in his irregular conduct, he shall be punished according to the by-laws of that particular Lodge, or the regulations of this Constitution.

239. The term *expelled* in used only when a Brother is removed from the Craft by the Grand Lodge. Upon the removal of a Brother from a Subordinate Lodge, the term suspended only is applicable.

NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

240. Any Lodge can by its by-laws make it a Masonic offense punishable by suspension for any Brother (able to fulfil his obligations in that respect) to refuse to pay his Lodge dues when called upon for such payment, and shall be entitled to place in its by-laws regulations to govern such cases.

241. No Lodge shall suspend a member for the non-payment of his dues, unless he has been duly notified by a summons sent to him to appear at the next regular Communication of his Lodge, to show cause why he should not be suspended.

242. By a vote of the Lodge, the dues of any member may be remitted.

OF CERTIFICATES

243. Every Brother shall be entitled to a Grand Lodge certificate immediately upon being registered in the books of the Grand Lodge as a Master Mason, for which certificate the Lodge shall pay two dollars. Each Lodge, therefore,

when it makes a return of the Masons whom it has initiated, shall, in addition to the registration fee, make a remittance of the money for the certificates.

244. Every Brother to whom a Grand Lodge certificate is granted must sign his name on the margin thereof, or it will not be valid. This should be done in the presence of the Worshipful Master or the Secretary of the Lodge.

245. No Brother shall obtain a Grand Lodge certificate if he shall have been admitted to more than one degree of Masonry on the same day, or at a shorter interval than one month from his receiving a previous degree, unless by dispensation from the Grand Master.

246. Every return or other document upon which a Grand Lodge certificate is to be issued, must specify not only the date of initiation, but also the days on which the Brother was advanced to the second and third degrees.

247. All applications for Grand Lodge certificates must be made to the Grand Secretary; and if the name of the Brother wishing for the certificate has not previously been registered, the money payable on registration must be transmitted at the same time, as no certificate can on any account be issued until such money has been paid.

248. No Lodge shall grant a private Lodge certificate to a Brother, except a demit issued to a member on his withdrawal, unless for the purpose of enabling him to obtain a Grand Lodge certificate, in which case such certificate shall be specifically addressed to the Grand Secretary.

OF VISITORS.

249. No visitor shall be admitted into a Lodge unless he be personally known or recommended, or well vouched for, or after due examination by one or more of the Brethren present, nor until he shall have entered his name, Masonic rank,

and the name of the Lodge he hails from, in a book to be kept by every Lodge for that purpose; and during his continuance in the Lodge, he must be subject to the by-laws of the Lodge. The Master of the Lodge is particularly bound to enforce these regulations.

250. The attention of the Brethren is particularly called to the exercise of the greatest caution in vouching for Brethren.

251. No Brother residing in the province, and not affiliated with some Lodge, shall be entitled to the benefit of the benevolent fund for himself or family, nor to Masonic burial, nor to take part in any Masonic Ceremony, public or private, nor to be entitled to any masonic privilege whatever, nor can he be permitted to visit any one Lodge in the town or place where he resides more than once during his secession from the craft.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.

252. A Brother who may have rendered any service to the craft in general or to any Lodge may be elected an honorary member of such Lodge; due notice must be given at the preceding communication of the proposal to elect such honorary member, and the notice inserted in the summons for the communication at which the ballot is to be taken. The election must be held in the same manner as that of candidates for admission to ordinary membership. The Lodge must include honorary members in its returns to the Grand Lodge, and pay to the Grand Lodge similar dues for such honorary members as are payable for ordinary members.

253. Honorary membership does not confer the right of voting in the Lodge unless specially conferred by a unanimous ballot at the time of such election.

LIFE MEMBERS.

254. Private Lodges may, by-law, admit their members to life membership on such terms as such Lodges may determine; provided, that each such life member shall, in addition to any amount payable to his Lodge for such privilege, pay into the hands of the Grand Secretary the sum of five dollars, which payment shall exempt his Lodge from the payment of further dues to Grand Lodge on his behalf.

255. Upon such life member withdrawing from the Lodge, of which he originally became a life member, and joining any other Lodge, such other Lodge shall not be obliged to pay any annual dues to Grand Lodge on his account, nor in case he becomes a life member of such other Lodge, shall he be obliged to pay a second fee therefor to Grand Lodge.

256. Life members shall be entitled to all the privileges of, and shall be amenable to discipline in the same manner as, ordinary members.

OF PUBLIC PROCESSIONS.

257. No public procession, except a Masonic funeral, shall on any pretence be allowed, without the permission of the Grand Master.

258. If any Brother shall attend as a Mason, clothed in any of the jewels or badges of the Craft, at any public procession, except a Masonic funeral, without the permission of the Grand Master, he shall be liable to suspension. And if any Lodge shall so offend, it shall be suspended until the Grand Lodge shall determine thereon.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

259. Lodges of instruction are allowed for the purposes of exemplifying the ritual and the instruction of Brethren therein, as well as to render them competent to carry on the business of a Lodge.

260. No general Lodge of instruction shall be holden, unless under the sanction of a regular warranted Lodge or by the special license and authority of the Grand Master, or the District Deputy Grand Master. The authority giving its sanction, and the Brethren to whom such license is granted, shall be answerable for the proceedings of such Lodge of instruction, and responsible that the mode of working there adopted has received the sanction of Grand Lodge.

261. No sanction of license shall be given to hold a Lodge of instruction without the condition that such Lodge shall be under the direction and control of a District Deputy Grand Master or a competent Master or Past Master to be named therein ; who, when the work of the Lodge shall have been accomplished, shall return such sanction or license to the authority from whom it was received, together with a record of the proceedings of such Lodge while held under such sanction or license, which record shall be sent to the Grand Secretary to be by him submitted to the Grand Lodge.

262. Notice of the times and places of meeting of the Lodges of instruction shall be given to the Grand Secretary and the District Deputy Grand Master.

263. Lodges of instruction shall keep a minute of all Brethren present at each meeting, and of Brethren appointed to hold office, and such minute shall be sent to the Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Master, or Lodge granting the sanction.

264. The sanction or license given to hold a Lodge of instruction may, at any time be withdrawn by the authority granting it.

OF DEFINITIONS.

The words and terms used in this Constitution shall bear the construction which is given them in the following definitions :

265. REPRESENTATIVE. —The Representative of a Lodge within this Province is one who, in the event that neither the Master nor either of the Wardens can be present at the Grand Lodge, has been duly elected by the Lodge at a stated meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose, to represent it at the next Communication.

266. REGULATION.—By a regulation of the Grand Lodge is meant any resolution, edict, law or ordinance of any kind whatever, other than the Constitution, which it may adopt.

267. SUSPENSION.—The suspension of a Lodge is an arrest of its charter and a temporary prohibition to assemble or work as a legal Lodge, until again authorized so to do by competent authority ; and the act suspends all its members except those especially exempted from its effect.

The suspension of the Master of a Lodge is a temporary deprivation of his office, and prohibits all recognition of him in that capacity until he be restored by competent authority.

The suspension of a Mason is a temporary deprivation of all his rights and privileges, as such, and prohibits all Masons and Lodges from holding any Masonic intercourse with him until he shall be legally restored in the manner hereinbefore prescribed.

268. EXPULSION.—The expulsion of a Mason is the highest penalty known to the Masonic Law. It is an absolute deprivation of all the rights and privileges of the Order, and prohibits all Masons and Lodges from holding any Masonic intercourse with him forever, unless he be restored by the Grand Lodge.

269. NOTIFICATION.—A notification or notice, is a call issued by the Secretary, by order of the Lodge or Master, or by other competent authority as hereinbefore provided, to attend for some specific purpose at the time and place therein indicated, or to perform some specific duty therein set forth; and it is the duty of every Mason to comply with its direction if he can, without great inconvenience, do so. It shall be either written or printed, and shall, when practicable, be personally served upon the brother to be notified by a Tyler or some other Mason properly deputed for the purpose. If this cannot conveniently be done, it shall be left at the residence or usual place of business, of such brother, or, if such residence or place of business is distant or unknown, it may be placed in the post-office, addressed to him at his last known place of residence; and this shall be deemed due and sufficient service.

270. SUMMONS.—A summons is an imperative order, issued by the Master or by other competent authority as hereinbefore provided, to appear at such time and place as may therein be desingnated. The obligation to obey it is absolute and the penalty for disobedience shall be expulsion, unless it shall be shown that such disobedience was unavoidable or was occasioned by some pressing necessity.

271. STATED MEETING.—The stated meeting of a Lodge is the one only meeting in each month at which business may be done, with the exceptions specified in the Constitution. It shall be designated as such in the by-laws of each Lodge, and no adjourned or called meeting shall ever be considered as a part of such stated meeting.

THE GRAND HONORS.

The Grand Honors are as follows :

Nine for Grand Master and Past Grand Masters.

Seven for Deputy Grand Master, District Deputy Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, and Past District Deputy Grand Masters.

Five for all other elected Grand Officers, and elected Past Grand Officers.

Three for all other distinguished Brethren.

PRAYERS.

INVOCATION—FIRST DEGREE.

Vouchsafe Thine aid, Almighty Father and Supreme Governor of the Universe, to this our present Convention, and grant that this candidate for Masonry may so dedicate and devote his life to Thy service as to become a true and faithful brother among us. Endow him with a competency of Thy divine wisdom, that, assisted by the secrets of this our Masonic Art, he may be the better enabled to display the beauties of true godliness, to the honor and glory of Thy holy name. —*So mote it be.*

INVOCATION—SECOND DEGREE.

We supplicate the continuance of Thine aid, O merciful God, on behalf of ourselves and of him who kneels before Thee. May the work begun in Thy name be continued to Thy glory, and evermore established in us by obedience to Thy holy precepts.

So mote it be.

INVOCATION—THIRD DEGREE.

Almighty and Eternal Being, the Glorious Architect and Ruler of the Universe, at whose creative fiat all things first were made, we, the frail creatures of Thy Providence, humbly implore Thee to pour down on this Convocation assembled in Thy Holy Name, the continual dew of Thy blessing ; more especially we beseech Thee, to impart Thy grace to this Thy servant, who offers himself a candidate to partake with us the mysterious secrets of a Master Mason ; endue him with such fortitude that in the hour of trial he fail not ; but pass him safely under Thy protection through the valley of the shadow of death, that he may finally arise from the tomb of transgression, to shine as the stars for ever and ever.

So mote it be.

THE CHARGES.

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY INITIATED CANDIDATE.

As you have now passed through the ceremonies of your initiation, allow me to congratulate you on being admitted a member of our Ancient and Honorable Society. Ancient, as having subsisted from time immemorial, and Honorable because by a natural tendency it conduces to make all those Honorable who are strictly obedient to its precepts. Indeed no institution can boast a more solid foundation than that on which Freemasonry rests—*the practice of every social and moral virtue;* and to so high an eminence has its credit been advanced, that, in every age, monarchs themselves have been promoters of the art; have not thought it derogatory from their dignity to exchange the scepter for the gavel; have patronized our mysteries, and have joined our assemblies. As a Mason I would first recommend to your most serious contemplation the volume of the Sacred Law, charging you to consider it the unerring standard of *truth* and *justice* and to regulate your actions by the divine precepts which it contains. Therein you will be taught the important duties you owe to *God*, to your *neighbour* and to *yourself*. To *God*, by never mentioning His name but with that awe and reverence which are due from the creature to his creator, by imploring His aid on all your lawful undertakings and by looking up to Him in every emergency for comfort and support; to your *neighbour*, by acting with him on the square, by rendering him every kind office which justice or mercy may require, by relieving his distress, by soothing his afflictions, and by doing to him, as in similar cases, you would wish he should do unto you; and to *yourself*, by such a prudent and well-regulated course of discipline as may best conduce to the preservation of your corporeal and mental faculties in their fullest energies; thereby enabling you to exert those talents wherewith God

has blest you, as well to His glory as to the welfare of your fellow creatures.

As a *Citizen* of the world, I am next to enjoin you to be exemplary in the discharge of your civil duties by never proposing, or at all countenancing, any act that may have a tendency to subvert the peace and good order of society; by paying due obedience to the laws of any state which may for a time become the place of your residence or afford you its protection; and, above all, by never loosing sight of the allegiance due to the sovereign of your native land: ever remembering that nature has implanted in your breast a sacred and indissoluble attachment to that country from which you derived your birth and infant nurture.

As an *Individual*, I am further to recommend the practice of every domestic as well as public virtue. Let *prudence* direct you; *temperance* chasen you; *fortitude* support you; and *justice* be the guide of all your actions, and be especially careful to maintain in their fullest splendor those truly Masonic ornaments, *benevolence and charity*.

Still, however, as a Mason there are other excellencies of character to which your attention may be peculiarly and forcibly directed; among the foremost of these are, *secrecy*, *fidelity* and *obedience*.

Secrecy may be said to consist in the inviolable adherence to the obligations you have entered into, never improperly to reveal any of those Masonic secrets which have now been, or may at any future time be, entrusted to your keeping, and cautiously to shun all occasions which might inadvertently lead you so to do.

Your *fidelity* must be exemplified by a strict observance of the constitutions of the fraternity; by adhering to the ancient landmarks of the order; by never attempting to extort, or otherwise unduly obtain the secrets of a superior degree, and by refraining to recommend any one to a participation of our

secrets, unless you have strong ground to believe that, by a similar fidelity, he will ultimately reflect honor on our choice.

So must your *obedience* be proved by a close conformity to all our laws and regulations; by prompt attention to all signs and summonses; by modest and correct demeanor whilst in the Lodge; by abstaining from every topic of religious or political discussion; by ready acquiescence in all votes and resolutions duly passed by the brethren, and by perfect submission to the Master and his Wardens whilst acting in the discharge of their respective offices.

And, as a last general recommendation, let me exhort you to dedicate yourself to such pursuits, as may enable you to become at once respectable in your rank of life, useful to mankind, and an ornament to the society of which you have been this day admitted a member; to devote your leisure hours more especially to the study of such of the liberal arts and sciences as may lie within the compass of your attainment, and without neglecting the ordinary duties of your station, to consider yourself called upon to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge.

From the very commendable attention which you appear to have given to this charge, I am led to hope that you will duly appreciate the excellence of Freemasonry, and imprint indelibly on your mind the sacred duties of *truth*, of *honor* and of *virtue*.

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY PASSED CANDIDATE.

Brother,—Being advanced to the second degree of Masonry, we congratulate you on your preferment. The *internal* and not the *external* qualifications of a man are what Masonry regards. As you increase in knowledge, so you will consequently improve in social intercourse. It is unnecessary for me to recapitulate the duties which, as a Mason, you are now bound to discharge, or to enlarge on the necessity of a strict

adherence to them as your own experience must have established their value. It may be sufficient to observe, that as your past behavior and regular deportment have merited the honor which we have conferred, in your new character it is expected that you will not only conform to the principles of the Order, but steadily persevere in the practice of every virtue. The study of the liberal arts, that valuable branch of education which tends so effectually to polish and adorn the mind, is earnestly recommended to your consideration,—especially *Geometry*, which is established as the basis of our art. Geometry or Masonry, originally synonymous terms, is of a divine or moral nature enriched with the most useful knowledge so that while it proves the wonderful properties of nature, it demonstrates the more important truths of morality.

As the solemnity of our ceremonies require a serious deportment, you are to be particularly attentive to your behaviour at our regular Assemblies. You are to preserve our ancient usages and customs sacred and inviolable, and induce others, by your example, to hold them in due veneration.

The laws and regulations of the Order you are strenuously to support and maintain. You are not to palliate or aggravate the offences of the brethren ; but, in the decision of every trespass against our rule judge with candour, admonish with friendship, and reprehend with mercy.

As a Craftsman, in our private assemblies you may offer your sentiments and opinions on such subjects as are regularly introduced in the lecture, under the superintendence of an experienced Master, who will guard the landmarks against encroachment. By this privilege you may improve your intellectual powers ; qualify yourself to become a useful member of society ; and like a skillful craftsman, strive to excel in what is good and great.

You are to encourage industry and reward merit; supply the wants and relieve the necessity of brethren and fellows to the utmost of your power and ability, and on no account wrong them or see them wronged, but apprise them of approaching danger, and view their interests as inseparable from your own.

Such is the nature of your engagements as craftsman; and these duties you are now bound, by the most sacred ties, to observe.

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY RAISED CANDIDATE

Brother,—Your zeal for the institution of Freemasonry, the progress you have already made, and your conformity to our general regulations, have pointed you out as a fit object of esteem and favor. In the character of a Master Mason, you are henceforth authorized to correct the errors and irregularities of younger brethren, and guard them against a breach of fidelity. To improve the morals and correct the manners of men in society ought to be your constant care. You are to inculcate universal benevolence, and by the regularity of your own behavior, afford the best example for the conduct of others. The ancient landmarks of the Order you are to preserve sacred and inviolable, and never suffer an infringement of our customs, or a deviation from established usages.

Duty, honor and gratitude, now bind you to your trust; let no motive, therefore, ever make you swerve from your duty, but be true and faithful, and imitate the example of that celebrated artist, whom you have once represented. Endeavor in a word, to convince the world that merit has been your title to our privileges, and that on you our favors have not been undeservedly bestowed.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

GRAND LODGE.

The chair being taken by the Grand Master of the preceding year, or, in his absence, by the Senior Past Grand Master, Past Grand Officer, or Past Master present. The other stations are filled by the officers who, having served their time, are about to retire from office.

The Grand Secretary then reads from the records of the Grand Lodge the names of the officers who have been elected to serve for the ensuing year. The Grand Master elect, preceded by the Grand Pursuivant, is then conducted by two Past Grand Masters, Past Grand Officers, or Past Masters, to the front of the pedestal, and is presented to the Presiding Grand Officer as follows :—

Most Worshipful Sir:

I here present Brother..... who has been duly elected to preside over the Craft in this jurisdiction as their Grand Master for installation.

(The Presiding Grand Officer then rises and says :)

Brethren, you here behold Brother..... who having been duly elected to preside over the Craft as their Grand Master, is now presented for installation. If any of you know any reason why he should not be installed, you will state your objection now, or else forever hereafter hold your peace.

No objection being made, the Presiding Grand Officer proceeds to administer to the newly elected officer the obligation for the faithful discharge of his duties, the brethren all standing. The new Grand Master then receives the following charge : and being invested with the ensigns of his dignity, is placed in the Oriental chair.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND MASTER AT HIS INSTALLATION.

We congratulate you, Most Worshipful Sir, on the honor of being raised to the distinguished position of Grand Master presiding over all the Lodges in the Province of Quebec and the Masonic jurisdiction thereof. May the Great [illegible] ct of the Universe give you wisdom to perform accep[illegible] the

important duties which you are this day called upon to discharge. May His protecting care guide you in the discharge of your important duties and when you come to lay aside the jewel of office, may it be with a consciousness of having faithfully discharged your duty to Masonry, to the Lodges, and to your brethren.

(The Past Grand Master then standing in front of the east, says :)

Brethren, behold your Grand Master! Grand Master, behold your brethren!

By the authority of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Quebec, I proclaim Most Worshipful Brother..... .....Grand Master of Masons of Quebec! with the grand honors of Masonry, by three times three

The grand honors are then given by all the brethren.

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

The Deputy Grand Master is then presented to the Installing officer (who may be the Grand Master or a Brother selected by him seated at his left) by two Past Grand Officers or Past Masters, as follows :

Most Worshipful Sir :

I present Brother.....who having been duly elected to serve the Craft as their Deputy Grand Master, for installation.

(The Grand Master says :)

Brethren :

You here behold Brother.....who having been duly elected to serve the Craft as their Deputy Grand Master, is now presented for installation. If any of you know of any reason why he should not be installed, you will state your objections now, or else forever hereafter hold your peace.

No objections being made, the Installing officer proceeds to administer to the newly-elected officer the obligation for the faithful discharge of his duties—the brethren all respectfully standing. The new Deputy Grand Master then receives the following charge: and being invested with the ensigns of his dignity, is placed at the left hand of the Grand Master.

CHARGE TO THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

Right Worshipful Brother:

The station to which you have been called by the suffrages of your brethren is one of great dignity and much importance. In the absence of the Grand Master, you are to exercise your prerogatives in the Craft; in his presence you are to assist him with your counsel and co-operation. The honor that has been conferred upon you demands a corresponding fidelity and attachment to the interests of this Grand Lodge and Freemasonry in this Jurisdiction.

Let the book of Constitution be your constant study, that you may be better enabled to preserve inviolate the laws and ancient landmarks of our Order, and that you may be ever ready to exercise the functions of your exalted office. Receive the jewel of your office, and take your station in this Grand Lodge.

THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The District Deputy Grand Masters are then to be, severally or jointly, introduced, presented, obligated, and installed in the same manner and (with necessary changes) in the same terms as the Deputy Grand Master.

THE SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.

Right Worshipful Brother:

You have been elected the Senior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge and we now invest you with the jewel of your office.

Your regular attendance at the communications of the Grand Lodge is essentially necessary. In the absence of the Grand Master and his Deputy, you are responsible for the government of the Craft; in their presence you are to strengthen and support their authority. We firmly rely on your knowledge of Masonry and your attachment to our institution for the faithful discharge of the duties of this important trust. *Look well to the West!*

THE JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.

Right Worshipful Brother:

You have been elected the Junior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge, and we now invest you with the jewel of your office.

Your regular and punctual attendance at the communications of the Grand Lodge is necessary. In the absence of your superior officers, you are responsible for the government of the Craft in their presence, you will aid them in their arduous labors. We have no doubt that you will faithfully execute the duties which are incumbent on you in your present position. *Look well to the South!*

THE GRAND TREASURER.

Right Worshipful Brother:

You have been elected to the responsible office of Grand Treasurer, and we now invest you with the jewel of your office.

It is your duty to receive all moneys due the Grand Lodge, to make due entries of the same, and pay them out by order of the Grand Master, or the Grand Lodge. The office to which you have been appointed embraces an important trust, and the choice of your Brethren is an evidence of the high opinion they entertain of your fidelity and discretion. We do not doubt that you will faithfully discharge your duties.

THE GRAND SECRETARY.

Right Worshipful Brother:

You have been elected to the important office of Grand Secretary, and we now invest you with the jewel of your office.

It is your duty to observe all the proceedings of the Grand Lodge and to make fair record of all things proper to be written. You are also the official organ of the Grand Lodge, and in that capacity will conduct its various correspondence, and act as the medium of intercourse between the Fraternity and their Grand Master. In the discharge of these extensive duties let your carriage and behavior be marked by that promptitude and discretion that will at once reflect credit on yourself and honor on the Body whom you represent.

THE GRAND REGISTRAR.

Right Worshipful Brother:

You have been elected to the office of Grand Registrar and we now invest you with the jewel of your office.

Your duties are defined by the Constitution as, jointly with the Grand Secretary, to see to the recording and registering of the proceedings and resolutions of the Grand Lodge and the care of its records, library, and other property. Your attendance at Grand Lodge during its sessions is expected, and whenever called upon, you are to give your assistance and aid to the Grand Secretary.

Your Brethren hope you will faithfully perform the duties of your office.

THE GRAND CHAPLAINS.

Right Worshipful and Reverend Brother:

The sacred position of Grand Chaplain has been entrusted to your care, and we now invest you with the jewel of your office.

In the discharge of your duties you will be required to lead the devotional exercises of our Grand Communications, and to perform the sacred functions of your holy calling at our public Ceremonies. We believe that in ministering at the Masonic Altar, the services you may perform will lose nothing of their vital influence because they are practised in that spirit of universal tolerance which distinguishes our institution.

THE GRAND DEACONS.

Very Worshipful Brethren:

You have been appointed the Grand Deacons of this Grand Lodge, and we now invest you with the jewels of your office, and these rods as ensigns of your authority.

It is your province to attend upon the Grand Master and Grand Wardens; and to act as their proxies in the active duties of the Grand Lodge. Let vigilance and attention actuate you in the discharge of the functions of your office.

THE GRAND STEWARDS.

Very Worshipful Brethren:

You have been appointed Grand Stewards, and we now invest you with the jewels of your office, and place in your hands these white rods as ensigns of your station.

It is your duty to superintend the tables at the hour of refreshment, and see that every brother is suitably provided. It is, therefore, indispensably necessary that you yourselves should be temperate and discreet, and carefully observe that none of the Craft transgress the due bounds of moderation.

THE GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Very Worshipful Brother:

You have been appointed Grand Pursuivant, and we now invest you with the jewel of your office.

Your station is near the door, whence you will receive all reports from the Grand Tyler, and announce the name and Masonic rank of all who desire admission. You will see that none enter without wearing their appropriate clothing. Your early and punctual attendance at all communications of the Grand Lodge is essentially necessary.

GRAND TYLER.

Brother:

You have been elected Tyler of this Grand Lodge, and we now invest you with the jewel of your office, and place this sword in your hands the more effectually to enable you to guard against the approach of cowans and eavesdroppers, and to suffer none to pass or repass but such as are duly qualified.

It is your duty to guard the door of the Grand Lodge on the outside, to report to the Grand Pursuivant those who desire to be admitted, to summon the members of the Grand Lodge under the direction of the Grand Secretary, and to attend to such other duties as may be required of you by the Grand Lodge. Your punctual attendance is essentially necessary at every communication.

PROCLAMATION.

By the authority of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Quebec, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, I proclaim that the Grand Officers have been installed in ample form with the grand honors of Masonry.

(The grand honors are then given, and the Brethren make the response:)

So mote it be!

(Benediction by the Grand Chaplain.)

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

After the election of the officers of the Lodge shall have been duly confirmed; the Lodge is passed to the F. C. degree, the Master elect, (accompanied by two Installed Masters,) will be placed in the West, and (after his proficiency shall have been vouched for by the Past Masters) he shall be presented in due and ancient form for Installation.

(The Installing Officer then addresses the Master elect and the Brethren as follows:)

From time immemorial, it has been the custom of all Lodges of Free Masons, once in every year, at a stated period, to elect from those who have served in the office of Warden, an expert brother, to preside over them as Master. He must have been regularly initiated, passed and raised in a regular warranted Lodge, be a lover of the Fraternity, and well skilled in the Ancient Charges, customs and regulations of the Order; and in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge and the by-laws of his Lodge.

He should be correct in demeanour, exemplary in conduct, courteous to his Brethren, and faithful to his Lodge;—be a lover of the noble arts and sciences, and a supporter of our Ancient and Royal Art, and well acquainted with mysteries.

Do you, Brother..... accept the office of Master of this Lodge to which you have been elected, under these qualifications.

Answer.—I do.

Previous to your installation, it is necessary that you signify your assent to the Ancient Charges and Regulations as all Masters have done before you.

The Secretary or some other brother appointed by the Installing Officer, will then read the Ancient Charges as follows. The Master elect standing with S. of Fidelity and giving his assent to each section by bending his head:

I. You agree to be a good man and true, and strictly to obey the moral law?

Answer.—I do.

II. You agree to be a peaceful citizen, and cheerfully to conform to the laws of the country in which you reside?

Answer.—I do.

III. You promise not to be concerned in plots and conspiracies against the government, but patiently to submit to the law and the constituted authorities?

Answer.—I do.

IV. You agree to pay a proper respect to the civil magistrates, to work diligently, live creditably, and act honorably by all men?

Answer.—I do.

V. You agree to hold in veneration the original rulers and patrons of the Order of Masonry, and their regular successors, supreme and subordinate, according to their stations; and to submit to the awards and resolutions of your brethren, in Lodge convened, in every case consistent with the Constitution of the Order?

Answer.—I do.

VI. You agree to avoid private piques and quarrels, and to guard against intemperance and excess?

Answer.—I do.

VII. You agree to be cautious in your behavior, courteous to your brethren, and faithful to your Lodge?

Answer.—I do.

VIII. You promise to respect genuine brethren, and to discountenance imposters and all dissenters from the original plan of Masonry?

Answer.—I do.

IX. You agree to promote the general good of society, to cultivate the social virtues, and to propagate the knowledge of the Mystic Art?

Answer.—I do.

X. You promise to pay homage to the Grand Master for the time being, and to his officers when duly installed; and strictly to conform to every edict of the Grand Lodge, or General Assembly of Masons, that is not subversive of the principles and ground-work of Masonry?

Answer.—I do.

XI. You admit that it is not in the power of any man, or body of men, to make innovations in the Body of Masonry?

Answer.—I do.

XII. You promise a regular attendance on the committees and communications of the Grand Lodge, on receiving proper notice; and to pay attention to all the duties of Masonry, on convenient occasions?

Answer.—I do.

XIII. You admit that no new Lodge shall be formed without permission of the Grand Lodge; and that no countenance be given to any irregular Lodge, or to any person clandestinely initiated therein, being contrary to the ancient charges of the Order.

Answer.—I do.

XIV. You admit that no person can be regularly made a Mason in, or admitted a member of, any regular Lodge without previous notice, and due enquiry into his character?

Answer.—I do.

XV. You agree that no visitor shall be received into your Lodge without due examination, and producing proper vouchers of their having been initiated into a regular Lodge?

Answer.—I do.

(The Installing Officer then addresses the Master elect as follows:)

Do you submit to these charges, and promise to support these regulations, as Masters have done in all ages before you?

(The Master having signified his submission as before, the Installing Officer thus addresses him :)

Brother.....in consequence of your conformity to the charges and regulations of the Order, you are now to be installed Master of this Lodge, in full confidence of your care, skill and capacity to govern the same. You will now advance to the altar and take an O. B. as regards your duties as Master of your Lodge.

After the obligation is administered, the Lodge is then raised to the M. M. degree, and the Brethren not Installed Masters retire. After the Master elect has been duly constituted an "Installed Master" by a Board of Masters, the Brethren re-enter the Lodge and the Master having been invested with the insignia of his office, he is saluted by the Brethren with the signs and honors, in each degree and the salutation respectively of I Greet you—I Hail you—I Obey you—and proclaimed from the East in the third, from the West in the second, and from the South in the first degree.

The Master is then regularly invested with the Charter of the Lodge, the Constitutions and By-laws, the Working Tools, and the property of the Lodge, which are all placed in his charge with appropriate remarks as to their use, powers and advantages.

THE SENIOR WARDEN.

Brother..... ...you have been elected Senior Warden of this Lodge, do you accept the office and promise to perform its duties?

Answer.—I do.

Then I invest you with the collar and jewel of your office.

The *Level* demonstrates that we are descended from the same stock, partake of the same nature, and share the same hope; and though distinctions among men are necessary to preserve subordination, yet no eminence of station should make us forget that we are brethren.

Your regular attendance on our stated meetings is essentially necessary. In the absence of the Master, you are to

govern this Lodge; in his presence, you are to assist him in its government. I firmly rely on your knowledge of Masonry and attachment to the Lodge for the faithful discharge of the duties of this important trust. *Look well to the West!*

(He is conducted to his proper station.)

THE JUNIOR WARDEN.

Brother.....you have been elected Junior Warden of this Lodge, do you accept the office and promise to perform its duties?

Answer.—I do.

Then I invest you with the collar and jewel of your office.

The *Plumb* admonishes us to walk uprightly in our several stations; to hold the scale of justice in equal poise; and to make our passions and prejudices coincide with the line of duty. To you is committed the superintendence of the Craft during the hours of refreshment; it is therefore indispensably necessary that you should not only be temperate and discreet, but carefully observe that none of the Craft be suffered to convert the purposes of refreshment into intemperance and excess. Your regular and punctual attendance is particularly requested, and I have no doubt that you will faithfully execute the duty you owe your present office. *Look well to the South!*

(He is conducted to his proper station.)

THE TREASURER.

Brother.....you have been elected Treasurer of this Lodge, and are now invested with the badge of your office. It is your duty to receive all moneys from the hands of the Secretary; keep just and regular accounts of the same, and pay them out by order of the Worshipful Master and the consent of the Lodge. I trust your regard for the Fraternity will prompt you to the faithful discharge of the duties of your office.

(He is conducted to his proper station.)

THE SECRETARY.

Brother.....you have been elected Secretary of this Lodge, and are now invested with the badge of your office. It is your duty to observe all the proceedings of the Lodge; make a fair record of all things proper to be written; receive all moneys due the Lodge, and pay them over to the Treasurer. Your good inclination to Masonry and this Lodge I hope, will induce you to discharge the duties of your office with fidelity, and by so doing you will merit the esteem and applause of your Brethren.

(He is conducted to his proper station.)

THE CHAPLAIN.

Rev. Brother.....you are appointed Chaplain of this Lodge, and are now invested with the badge of your office. Your duty is to perform those solemn services which we should always render to our Creator, at all our public and private ceremonials; and we trust to profit by your advice and example in all our undertakings as members of the Craft.

THE SENIOR AND JUNIOR DEACONS.

Brothers.....and.....you are appointed Deacons of this Lodge, and are now invested with the badge of your office. It is your province to attend on the Master and Wardens, and to act as their proxies in the active duties of the Lodge, such as in the reception of candidates into the different degrees of Masonry, the introduction and accommodation of visitors, and in the immediate practice of our rites.

(They are conducted to their proper stations.)

THE STEWARDS AND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

Brothers ..... and ..... you are appointed Stewards and Director of Ceremonies of this Lodge, and are now invested with the badge of your office. You are to assist the Master and Wardens and other officers in performing their respective duties. Your regular attendance at our meetings will afford the best proof of your zeal and attachment to the Lodge.

THE TYLER.

Brother ..... you are appointed Tyler of this Lodge, and I invest you with the implement of your office. As the sword is placed in the hands of the Tyler to enable him effectually to guard against the approach of cowans and eavesdroppers, and suffer none to pass or repass but such as are duly qualified ; so it should admonish you to place a guard over all your acts, deeds, and words while in the discharge of your duties. Your early and punctual attendance is necessary for the due performance of your engagements as Tyler ; and you will allow no one to remain in the anterooms of the Lodge except they are duly qualified.

(The Installing officer then proclaims the installation in the following manner, viz.:)

In the name of the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, I proclaim the Officers of this Lodge legally and duly installed.

After the proclamation the Installing officer may address appropriate remarks to the installed Officers and the Brethren as to their duties as a Lodge to the Craft, to the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge, and to other Lodges.

CONSECRATION CEREMONIES IN CONSTITUTING NEW LODGES.

CEREMONY OF CONSECRATION.

After a Charter is granted by the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master appoints a day for consecrating and constituting the new Lodge, and for installing its officers.

On the day and hour appointed the Grand Master, or his deputy, with a sufficient number of competent officers, meet in the hall of the Lodge proposed to be constituted, and open the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master then states the object of the meeting, and, if a deputy, reads his commission.

The Master of the new Lodge then rises and addresses the Grand Master.

Most Worshipful:

A number of Brethren, duly instructed in the mysteries of Masonry, having obtained a *Charter* from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, now desire to be constituted and consecrated into a *Regular Lodge*, in conformity with their Charter and the Ancient Customs of the Fraternity. They are now assembled and await your pleasure.

Grand Master: Let this be done in regular and prescribed form.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies then forms the Brethren of the new Lodge in the West—the officers named in the Charter towards the rear, officers carrying jewels on their arms; two Brethren in their middle bearing a representation of the Lodge, covered with white satin or linen; three others, each carrying a silver pitcher. They pass three times around the room, and halt on the north side, facing south, the officers being next to the east.

The representation of the Lodge is then placed upon a table near the centre of the room, and the silver pitchers, with corn, wine and oil, are placed around it. The members in line then salute the Grand Master and are presented by the Deputy Grand Master.

D. G. M.—Most Worshipful : the Brethren now before you having assembled together at stated periods, by virtue of a dispensation granted them for that purpose, now desire to be constituted into a regular Lodge, under the name of..... Lodge, No....according to a Charter granted to them by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master calls for the Charter and Records, which are presented, and the Charter is read by the Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master examines the Records, and if they be found in order proclaims :

G. M.—The records appear to be properly entered. Upon due deliberation, the Grand Lodge have granted the Brethren of this new Lodge a Charter, confirming them in the rights and privileges of a regularly constituted Lodge.

We shall now proceed, according to ancient usage, to open..... Lodge, No,...and to constitute these Brethren into a regular Lodge.

The Officers and Brethren of the Lodge will now assume their several stations and open their Lodge.

The Master and Officers of the Lodge as worked under dispensation then proceed to open the Lodge, having the M. W. the Grand Master at the Master's right ; and the other Grand Officers at the right of the several Officers of the Lodge, the Grand Master then proclaims :

G. M.—We shall now proceed to consecrate this Lodge, and constitute the Brethren into a regular Lodge, according to the ancient customs and usages of the Fraternity.

The Grand Master and Officers of the Grand Lodge assemble around the representation of the Lodge and the V. W. Grand Director of Ceremonies leading,the other Officers following,(the juniors first,)proceed by the South and West to the East halting when the Grand Master reaches the East, (the Brethren present all rising and remain standing in their several places). When the Grand Master, in procession, has reached the East, the Grand Chaplain or Grand Master repeats the following

CONSECRATION PRAYER.

Our Father who art in Heaven, we are taught to implore Thine aid in all our laudable undertakings; we beseech Thee to bless these Brethren now formed into a Lodge, erected to the honor of Thy name, and which we now consecrate to Thy honor and glory.

Grant to them, we pray Thee now and at all times, wisdom in all their doings, strength of mind in all their difficulties, and the beauty of harmony in all their communications, and may they ever remember the purposes of this solemn consecration. Amen.

Response.—So mote it be.

CONSECRATION.

The Grand Officers will then consecrate the Lodge, as follows:

Junior Grand Warden—(Scattering corn on the Lodge):
I scatter this corn as an emblem of nourishment.
Senior Grand Warden—(Pouring out wine):
I pour out this wine as an emblem of refreshment.
Deputy Grand Master—(Pouring out oil):
I pour out this oil as an emblem of joy.
Grand Master—(Raising his arms over the Lodge):
To the Memory of our Grand Masters, we dedicate this Lodge. May every Brother revere their character and imitate their virtues.

(The Grand Chaplain, standing before the Lodge, then makes the following)

INVOCATION.

Grant, Great Architect of the Universe, that those who are now to be invested with the government of this Lodge may be endued with wisdom to instruct their Brethren in all their duties. May Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth always

prevail among the members of this Lodge; and may this Bond of Union continue to strengthen the Lodges throughout the world! Bless all our Brethren wherever dispersed; and grant speedy relief to all who are either oppressed or distressed. May we all increase in grace, in the knowledge of Thee, and in the love of each other. Finally, may we finish all our work here below with Thy approbation, and then have our transition from this earthly abode to Thy heavenly temple above, there to enjoy light, glory and bliss, ineffable and eternal.

Response by the Brethren—"The Lord is gracious, and His mercy endureth forever."—"Glory to God on high, on earth peace, good will toward men."

Music.

The Lodge is then covered, and the grand honors is given thrice, when the Grand Master resumes his chair, and the Grand Officers their stations.

The Grand Master then installs the officers of the Lodge who are those named in the Charter and any others the Master declares have been selected or appointed.

The Grand Master then rises and constitutes the new Lodge in the following form—all the Brethren standing at the same time.

CONSTITUTION.

In the name of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Quebec, I now constitute and form you, my beloved Brethren, into a regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, as ... . Lodge, number..... on the registry of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. From henceforth I empower you to meet as a regular Lodge, constituted in conformity to the Rites of our Order and the charges of our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity; and may the Supreme Architect of the Universe prosper, direct, and counsel you in all your doings.

Response—So mote it be. Amen.

The grand honors are then given thrice by the Brethren and the Installation of the officers then proceeded with.

The ceremonies closes with music, or an anthem is sung by the choir.

The Lodge under the newly installed officers then proceeds with its work, after which it is closed in the usual manner and the Brethren depart in peace and harmony.

DEDICATION OF A MASONIC HALL.

On the day appointed for the celebration of the ceremony of dedication, the Grand Master and his Officers, accompanied by the members of the Grand Lodge, meet in the new Hall or a room near the place where the ceremony is to be performed, and the Grand Lodge is opened in ample form. The Master of the Lodge to which the hall to be dedicated belongs, being present, rises and addresses the Grand Master, as follows:

Most Worshipful Grand Master:

The Brethren of.....Lodge, No....being animated with a desire to promote the honor and interest of the Craft, have erected a Masonic Hall for their convenience and accommodation. They are desirous that the same should be examined by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, and, if it should meet their approbation, that it should be solemnly dedicated to Masonic purposes, agreeable to ancient form and usage.

The Grand Master then directs the Grand Secretary to read the following order of procession, which is delivered to the Grand Director of Ceremonies, and a general charge respecting behavior is given.

If in the new Hall the Brethren of the Lodge and visiting Brethren are then admitted, if the Grand Lodge has been opened in another place.

ORDER OF PROCESSION.

Tyler, of oldest Lodge, with drawn sword.
Stewards, of oldest Lodge, with white rods.
Master Masons.
Stewards, with jewels.
Junior Deacons, with jewels.
Senior Deacons, with jewels.
Secretaries, with jewels.
Treasurers, with jewels.
Junior Wardens, with jewels.
Senior Wardens, with jewels.
Past Masters, with jewels.
Masters, with jewels.
Grand Lodge.
Music.

Escort, (if any has been provided).
The Grand Organist and Choir, (if any have been provided).
Grand Tyler, with sword.
Grand Stewards, with white rods.
A Past Master, with golden pitcher containing corn.
Two Past Masters, with silver pitchers containing wine and oil.
Architect, with Square, Level and Plumb.
Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, side by side.
Grand Registrar, with the Great Lights.
Grand Chaplain, with jewel.
The Five Orders of Architecture.
Past Grand Wardens.
Past Deputy Grand Wardens.
Two Past Masters, with lighted tapers.
Present Grand Wardens.
Past and Present District Deputy Grand Masters.
A Past Master, with a lighted taper.
Master of the oldest Lodge, with a Book of Constitution on a cushion.
Grand Pursuivant, with sword of office.
Past Grand Masters.
Grand Deacons, with black rods, in a line seven feet apart.
Grand Master.
Two Stewards, with white rods.

The procession being formed, if in the Hall to consist only of the Grand Lodge, (the Master of the Lodge and Brethren present remaining in their several places), but if in another place all the Brethren taking part, the whole move to the hall which is to be dedicated, and upon the arrival of the procession at the door, or if in the Hall, at the east, they halt, open to the right and left, and face inward, while the Grand Master, and others in succession, pass through and enter. The music continues while the procession marches three times around the hall.

A representation of a "Lodge," covered with white linen, is then placed in the centre, and the Grand Master, having taken the chair, under a canopy of state, the Grand Officers and the Masters of the Lodges repair to the places previously prepared for their reception. The three

great lights, and the gold and silver pitchers, with the corn, wine and oil, are placed around the representation of the Lodge, at the head of which stands the pedestal, with the three great lights laid thereon, and upon another pedestal the Constitution on a crimson velvet cushion. Matters being thus arranged, an anthem is sung.

The Grand Master then briefly announces the occasion of the assemblage, and the general purpose of the Masonic dedication of the Hall

The Master of the Lodge then rises, and, approaching the East, addresses the Grand Master as follows :

Most Worshipful Grand Master :

The Brethren of ..... Lodge, No.... being animated with a desire to promote the honor and interest of the Craft, have erected a Masonic Hall for their convenience and accommodation. They are desirous that the same should be examined by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, and, if it should meet their approbation, that it should be solemnly dedicated to Masonic purposes, agreeable to ancient form and usage.

(The Architect then presents to the Grand Master the plans of the Hall, the Grand Master making the following reply :)

Brother Architect :

The skill and fidelity displayed in the execution of the trust reposed in you at the commencement of this undertaking have secured the entire approbation of the Grand Lodge, and they sincerely pray that this Hall may continue a lasting monument of the taste, spirit and liberality of its founders.

A Dedication Ode is then sung.

(The Deputy Grand Master then rises and says :)

Most Worshipful :

The Hall in which we are now assembled, and the plan upon which it has been constructed, having met with your approbation, it is the desire of the Fraternity that it should now be dedicated according to ancient form and usage.

The representation of the Lodge is then uncovered, and a procession is made around it in the following form (during which solemn music is played):

Grand Tyler.
A Past Master, with a Light.
A Past Master, with the three Great Lights.
Grand Treasurer and Secretary, with Jewels.
Junior Grand Warden, with a pitcher of corn.
Senior Grand Warden, with a pitcher of wine.
Deputy Grand Master, with a pitcher of oil.
Steward, with rod. Grand Master. Steward, with rod.
Grand Director of Ceremonies.

All the other Brethren keep their places, and when the Grand Master arrives at the east, the procession halts, and the Grand Chaplain makes the invocation.

(At the conclusion the Brethren respond :)

"Glory be to God on high, on earth peace, good will toward men."

The Junior Grand Warden then presents the vessel of *corn* to the Grand Master, who pours it on the Lodge, saying :

In the name of the Supreme and Eternal God, the Great Architect of Heaven and Earth, to whom be all honor and glory, I dedicate this Hall, to *Freemasonry*.

The Grand Honors are then given.

Music is then performed, and the second procession is made around the Lodge.

When the Grand Master arrives at the east, the music ceases, and the Senior Grand Warden presents him with the vessel of *wine*, which he sprinkles over the Lodge, saying :

In the name of the Supreme and Eternal God, the Great Architect of Heaven and Earth, to whom be all honor and glory, I dedicate this Hall to *Virtue*.

The Grand Honors are then given.

The music is resumed, and the third procession is made around the Lodge.

When the Grand Master arrives at the east, the music ceases and the Deputy Grand Master presents him with the vessel of *oil*, which he sprinkles over the Lodge, saying :)

In the name of the Supreme and Eternal God, the Great Architect of Heaven and Earth, to whom be all honor and glory, I dedicate this Hall to *Universal Benevolence.*

(The Grand Honors are then given.)

BENEDICTION BY GRAND CHAPLAIN.

The Lord of grace and life, mercifully look upon us and bless us ; make His face to shine upon us, that we may have peace ; and to Him be glory, now and forever. Amen.

(Response by the Brethren :)

"Glory be to God on high, on earth peace, good will toward men."

The Lodge is then covered, and the Grand Honors given, when the Grand Master resumes his chair, the ceremonies are ended, and the Grand Lodge is closed.

LAYING CORNER STONES OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

ORDER OF PROCESSION.

The Grand Lodge will start from its place of meeting in the following order :

Band of Music.
Tyler, with drawn sword.
Stewards, with rods.
Oldest Lodge, with its banner.
Master Masons of all Lodges, (not turning out as distinctive bodies, and not as members of the Grand Lodge), will march under the banner of the oldest Lodge.

Lodges will march by fours in order of seniority of their numbers. The Tyler of each Lodge preceding, next the members, juniors first, and closing with the officers according to rank, the Master last.

Music.
Grand Tyler, with drawn sword.
Grand Stewards, with white rods.
Members of the Grand Lodge not Past or Present Grand Officers followed by the Past Grand Officers according to seniority of rank.
Architect.
Grand Registrar.
Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.
Bible, Square and Compass, carried by a Master of a Lodge, supported by two Stewards.
Grand Chaplains.
The Five Orders of Architecture.
Chief Magistrate and Civil Officers of the Province and City.
Representatives of the Press.

Junior Grand Warden, carrying the silver vessel with oil.
Senior Grand Warden, carrying the silver vessel with wine.
Deputy Grand Master, carrying the golden vessel with corn.
A Past Grand Master, carrying the Book of Constitution on a cushion.
Past Grand Masters.
Grand Pursuivant, with sword of office.
Grand Master,
Supported by two Grand Deacons, with rods.

The procession (being formed) will proceed to the site, upon arrival it will open to the right and left, and, uncovering, the Grand Master and his Officers pass through the lines, together with the escort, to the platform, while the rest of the Brethren surround the platform, forming a hollow square.

The Grand Master commands silence, and announces the purposes of the occasion, after which will be sung a hymn or ode.

The necessary preparations having been made for laying the stone, on which is engraved the year of Masonry, and such other particulars as may be deemed necessary.

The stone is raised up by the means of a machine erected for that purpose.

The Grand Chaplain offers a prayer.

The Grand Secretary, by the Grand Master's command, places under the stone various sorts of coin and medals, Masonic documents, and such other matters as may be of interest.

A hymn is sung while the Grand Master spreads the cement on the stone.

The stone let down into its place by three regular stops.

The Architect then presents the plans to the Grand Master who receives them with appropriate remarks.

The Grand Master addresses the Grand Officers as follows:

G. M.—Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, what is the proper jewel of your office?

D. G. M.—The Square.

G. M.—What are its moral and Masonic uses?

D. G. M.—To square our actions by the square of *Virtue*, and prove our work.

G. M.—Apply the implement of your office to that portion of the foundation stone that needs to be proved, and make report.

(The Deputy Grand Master applies the square to the stone, and says:)

D. G. M.—Most Worshipful, I find the stone to be square. The Craftsmen have performed their duty.

G. M.—Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, what is the jewel of your office?

S. G. W.—The Level.

G. M.—What are its moral and Masonic uses?

S. G. W.—Morally, it reminds us of "*Equality*," and its use is to lay horizontals.

G. M.—Apply the instrument of your office to the foundation stone, and make report.

(This is done.)

S. G. W.—Most Worshipful, I find the stone to be level. The Craftsmen have performed their duty.

G. M.—Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, what is the proper jewel of your office?

J. G. W.—The plumb.

G. M.—What are its moral and Masonic uses?

J. G. W.—Morally, it teaches *rectitude* of conduct and we use it to try perpendiculars.

G. M.—Apply the implement of your office to the several edges of the foundation stone, and make report.

(This is done.)

J. G. W.—Most Worshipful, I find the stone is plumb. The Craftsmen have performed their duty.

G. M.—This corner stone has been tested by the proper implements of Masonry. I find that the Craftsmen have skilfully and faithfully performed their duty, and I declare the

stone to be well formed, true and trusty, and correctly laid according to the rules of our ancient Craft. Let the elements of consecration now be presented.

(The Deputy Grand Master comes forward with the vessel of corn, and scatters it on the stone, saying :)

D. G. M.—I scatter this corn as an emblem of plenty. May the blessings of bounteous Heaven be showered upon us, and upon this and all like noble undertakings, and may T. G. A. O. T. U. inspire the hearts of this people with virtue, wisdom and gratitude.

Response.—So mote it be. (A verse of hymn may now be sung.)

(The Senior Grand Warden then comes forward with the vessel of wine, and pours it upon the stone, saying :)

S. G. W.—I pour this wine as an emblem of joy and gladness. May the Great Ruler of the Universe bless this country and all who are in lawful authority over us, and grant that religion, freedom, progress and prosperity may perpetually prevail, and that the voice of joy and thanksgiving may be heard everywhere throughout the land.

Response.—So mote it be. (A verse of hymn may now be sung.)

(The Junior Grand Warden then comes forward with a vessel of oil, which he pours upon the stone, saying :)

J. G. W.—I pour this oil as an emblem of peace and consolation. May the Great Disposer of events cause peace to prevail more and more upon earth, and good will among men,—give comfort and consolation to the sorrowing and bereaved; provide and protect the widow, the fatherless, and the suffering poor; and bestow upon us all the consolation of His grace in the trials and vicissitudes of life.

Response.—So mote it be. (A verse of hymn may now be sung.)

(The Grand Master, standing in front of all and extending his hands, makes the following)

INVOCATION.

May the all-bounteous Author of nature bless the people of this place with an abundance of the necessaries, conveniences and comforts of life. May He assist in the erection and completion of this undertaking; protect the workmen from accident; long preserve the structure from decay and ruin, and grant unto us and to all men an abundant supply of the corn of *nourishment*, the wine of *refreshment*, and the oil of *joy*.

Response.—So mote it be.

(The Grand Master strikes the stone three times with the gavel, and the public Grand Honors are then given.)

(The Grand Master then delivers over to the Architect the plans and implements of architecture, saying:)

G. M.—Worthy Brother (or Sir), having thus, as Grand Master of Masons, laid the foundation stone of this structure, I now deliver the plans of these implements of your profession into your hands, entrusting you with the superintendence and direction of the work, having full confidence in your skill and capacity to conduct the same.

The Grand Secretary then makes the following proclamation:—

I now declare this corner stone duly laid according to our ancient customs by M. Wor. Bro.....Grand Master of Masons of Quebec, assisted by other Grand Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons on this....day of....A.L....A.D....

(The Grand Master ascends the platform while the band performs, or an anthem is sung.)

G. M.—Men, women and children here assembled,—be it known unto you, that we be true and lawful Freemasons, bound by solemn obligations to be loyal to our sovereign, to

be obedient to the laws of our country, to assist in the erection of structures of public utility and of stately, superb, and sacred edifices, to be serviceable to our brethren, to practice universal benevolence, and to love and serve our Heavenly Father, the Great Architect and Ruler of the Universe.

We have among us secrects faithfully transmitted to us from time immemorial, and which may not be improperly revealed, but they are lawful and honorable, and they are placed in the custody of Freemasons who have the keeping of them to the end of time.

Unless our Craft were good and our calling honorable, we would not have existed in so many countries for so many ages, nor would we have had out of every order and rank in church and state, so many illustrious Brothers in our fraternity, ever ready to sanction our proceedings and contribute to our prosperity.

We have assembled here this day, in accordance with our immemorial customs, to assist in the erection of a structure of public utility, and our humble prayer to Almighty God is, that He may greatly prosper its construction, and that it may long be preserved for the convenience and welfare of the inhabitants of this place (city or town as may be.)

(The Brethren all exclaim :)

So mote it be.

ORATION.

(Benediction by the Grand Chaplain.)

May the Great Architect of the Universe graciously command His blessing upon the labors of this day, and enable us all, so to dedicate and devote our lives to His service, that we may display the beauty of true godliness to the honor and glory of His great and Holy Name.

Response.—So mote it be.

The procession re-forms and returns in the same order to the hall whence it started, where the Grand Lodge will be closed with the usual formalities, after which

The subordinate bodies will return to their respective halls.

FUNERAL SERVICE.

ORDER OF FUNERAL PROCESSION.

Musicians.

Drums muffled and trumpets covered with black crape.

The Brethren to wear white gloves, black crape on the left arm tied with blue ribbon, and have sprigs of evergreen on their breasts All the jewels and emblems of the officers should be bound with black crape and no regalia, jewels or emblems not properly belonging to the Subordinate Lodge, or the Grand Lodge, should be worn by the members or visiting Brethren. No Brother should be permitted to make a display of jewels or regalia unsuitable to the solemnity of the occasion.

The Lodge will proceed in the following order :

The Tyler with sword.
Stewards with wands of office.
Visiting Brethren, two and two.
The Inner Guard with sword.
Brethren of the Lodge two and two, the juniors preceding.
The Organist.
The Senior and Junior Deacons with wands of office.
The Secretary with roll—The Treasurer.
The Director of Ceremonies with wand of office.
The Junior Warden and Senior Warden, with their columns of office.
The Past Masters and Chaplains.
The volume of the sacred law borne on a cushion by the senior member of the Lodge.
The Worshipful Master with the gavel.

When more than one Lodge takes part in a body it will observe the same order as the officiating Lodge. The Lodges will precede the coffin on which will be placed the regalia of the deceased Brother.

The Brethren being assembled at a Lodge room, the Lodge is opened in the first degree, and the Worshipful Master having stated the object of the meeting, the Brethren proceed to the room where the body of the deceased lies, when the service is commenced, the Brethren standing to order.

Master.—Man that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live. He cometh up, and is cut down like a flower; he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay. In the midst of life we are in death. Of whom then, may we seek for succor, but of Thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased? What man is he that liveth and shall not see death? Shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave?

Response by the Brethren.—Man walketh in a vain shadow. He heapeth up riches and knoweth not who shall gather them.

W. M.—When he dieth he shall carry nothing away, his glory shall not descend after him.

Response.—Naked came he into the world, and naked he must return; the Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the Name of the Lord.

W. M.—Where now is our departed Brother?

Response.—He dwelleth in night, he sojourneth in darkness.

W. M.—Can we offer no precious offering to bring us back our lost Brother?

Response.—We have not the ransom. The place that knew him once shall know him now no more for ever.

W. M.—Shall his name be lost upon earth?

Response.—We will record it in our hearts, we will treasure it in our memories, it shall live in the exercise of his virtues.

(The Master here takes the roll, on which is inscribed the name, age and masonic rank of the deceased, and says:)

Almighty Father! in Thy hands we leave, with humble submission, the spirit of our departed Brother.

The Grand Honors are then given thrice. The Brethren will respond:

'The will of God is accomplished. So mote it be.

W. M.—Most gracious and merciful Lord God, Author of all good, and giver of every perfect gift: Pour down, we implore Thee, Thy blessing upon us; and under the deep solemnities of this occasion, bind us yet closer together in the ties of brotherly love and affection. May the present instance of mortality sensibly remind us of our approaching fate, and when our journey shall be near to its end; when the silver cord shall be loosed, and the golden bowl be broken; in that moment of mortal extremity, may the "lamp of Thy love" dispel the gloom of the dark valley; and may we be admitted into the Celestial Lodge above, and in Thy glorious presence, amidst its ineffable mysteries, enjoy a union with the spirits of our departed friends, perfect as are the joys of Heaven, and durable as Eternity.

Response.—So mote it be.

The procession is then again formed, and the Lodge preceding the hearse and mourners proceeds to the place of interment.

When the procession arrives within a proper distance of the grave, the Brethren will halt and open out right and left, and face inwards, to allow the latter part of the procession to pass between them in the following order:—

Chaplain, or officiating Clergyman.
Coffin.
Mourners.
Stewards.

Worshipful Master, and members of deceased's Lodge in the reverse of their previous order.

The other Lodges following, their order, and the order of their members, being also reversed.

On arriving at the grave, the Brethren form a circle around it, the clergy and officers of deceased Lodge take their station at the head, the mourners at the foot. The regalia is taken from the coffin by the Senior Deacon. The clergyman concludes the funeral service of the church to which deceased belonged, after which the Worshipful Master proceeds as follows:

My Brethren.—We are again called upon by a most solemn admonition, to regard the uncertainty of human life; the immutable certainty of death and the vanity of all earthly pursuits. Decrepitude and decay are written on every living thing. The cradle and grave stand side by side; and so soon as we begin to live, that moment also we begin to die. Weakness and imperfection are the incidents of our fallen condition; the damp, dark grave is our destiny and our doom. It is passing strange, that notwithstanding the daily mementos of mortality that cross our path: notwithstanding the funeral bell so often tolls in our ears, and the "mournful procession" goes about our streets, that we will not consider our latter end, and lay it more seriously to heart, that we ourselves must go down into the silent chambers of the tomb. What an eloquent commentary is here exhibited upon the instability of every human purs . . Truly "*Vanity of vanities—all is vanity!*" My Brethren, does not that warning voice come to us with most peculiar emphasis at this hour.

The last offices that we pay to the dead, are useless forms, except as they constitute lessons to the living. The cold, marble form enclosed in the "narrow house" before us, is alike insensible to our sorrows and our ceremonies. It matters not *now* to him, whether two or three gather around the grave to perform his funeral ritual; or that hundreds have assembled, with the banners and insignia of our Order, to deposit him in his final resting place. He has gone to accomplish the destiny of all our race; he will return into the ground from which he was taken; and in the solemn solitude of the grave, his dust will mingle with his kindred dust.

While we drop the sympathetic tear over the grave of our departed Brother, let us cast around his foibles, whatever they may have b . the *broad mantle of a Mason's charity*, nor withold fro . s memory the just commendation that his virtues claim at our hands.

Let us here resolve to maintain, with greater assiduity, the dignified character of our profession. May our *faith* be evinced in a correct moral walk and deportment; may our *hope* be bright as the glorious mysteries that will be revealed hereafter; and our *charity* boundless as the wants of humanity.

And having faithfully discharged the duties which we owe to God, to our Neighbor, and Ourselves; when at last it shall please the Grand Master of the Universe to send His *Tyler*, Death, to summon us into His eternal presence, may the *trestle board* of our whole lives pass inspection, may we so live that we may be prepared to die.

(The following invocations are then made:)

Master.—May we be true and faithful to each other, and may we live and die in love.

Response.—So mote it be.

Master.—May we profess what is good, and always act agreeably to our profession.

Response.—So mote it be.

Master.—May the Lord bless us and keep us; may the Lord be gracious unto us, and may all our good intentions be crowned with success.

Response.—So mote it be.

Master.—Glory be to God in the highest: on earth peace—good will towards men.

Response.—So mote it be; now, henceforth, and forever. Amen.

Master.—Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God, in His wise Providence, to take out of the world the soul of our deceased brother, we therefore commit his body to the ground: *earth to earth—ashes to ashes—dust to dust.*

(The Secretary will then advance and deposit the roll in the grave with the usual forms.)

Master.—Friend and Brother; we bid thee a *last*, a *long* farewell! Thou art at rest from thy labors; may it be in blessed peace!

Response.—So mote it be. Amen.

(Then may be sung some appropriate hymn.)

(The Senior Deacon then hands the Worshipful Master the apron.)

W. M.—The lambskin apron of a Mason is more ancient than the Golden Fleece, or Roman Eagle, and more honorable than the Star and Garter or any other order in existence, being the badge of innocence and the bond of friendship.

(The Master then deposits it in the grave, saying:)

This emblem I now deposit in the grave of our deceased Brother.

(The Master, holding the *evergreen* in his hand, continues:)

This *evergreen* is an emblem of our faith in the immortality of the soul. By this we are reminded of our high and glorious destiny, and that there dwells within our tabernacle of clay an imperishable and immortal spirit, over which the grave has no dominion, and death no power.

(The Brethren will now move in procession round the grave, and severally drop in the spring of evergreen; after which the *public grand honors* are given. The Master then continues the ceremony in the following words:)

W. M.—From time immemorial, it hath been the custom among the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, at the request of a Brother, to accompany his remains to the place of interment, there to deposit them with the usual formalities.

In conformity to the ancient usage, and at the request of our deceased Brother, we have assembled at this time, in the character of Masons, to offer up, before the world, the last

sad tribute of our affection; and thereby to demonstrate, in the strongest possible manner, the sincerity of our past esteem for him, and our steady attachment to the principles of the Order.

We have now with the usual Masonic ceremonies, committed the body of a Brother to its kindred dust, and we leave his spirit in the hands of Him who doeth all things well; who is glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders.

With his immediate relatives and friends, who are most heart-stricken at the loss all have sustained, we deeply, sincerely and most affectionately sympathize in their bereavement, and believing in the Divine truth of the Fatherhood of God, we would remind them that He who "tempers the wind to the shorn lamb," looks down with infinite compassion, in the hour of their desolation; and that He will fold the arms of His love and protection around those who put their trust and confidence in Him.

Then let us each, in our respective sphere, improve this solemn warning of our God, in the hope that at last, it may be said unto us, "Come, ye blessed, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

(The service may be concluded with a short prayer or benediction.)

(The procession will then return to the Lodge room where the necessary duties are complied with, and the Lodge is closed.)

N. B.—Should the weather be inclement, the service may be all rendered at the house, and that portion relating to the "*Committal*" at foot of page 138—"Forasmuch as it hath. etc,"—and the ceremony of the "Evergreen," be repeated at grave.

FORMS.

The following forms are supplied for the assistance of the Brethren :

[1]

PETITION FOR A DISPENSATION TO FORM A NEW LODGE.

To the Most Worshipful .....

Grand Master of Masons of Quebec :—

The petition of the undersigned respectfully represents that they are Master Masons in good standing ; that they were last members of the respective Lodges named opposite their several signatures hereunto, as will appear from the demit of each of the petitioners, certified copies of which are herewith transmitted ; that they reside in or near the.....of....., in the County of....., in the Province of Quebec ; that among them are a sufficient number of Brethren well qualified to open and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, and to discharge all its various duties in the three degrees of Ancient Masonry, in accordance with established usage ; and that, having the prosperity of the Craft at heart, and being desirous to use their best endeavors for the diffusion of its beneficent principles, they pray for a dispensation empower-

ing them to form, open, and hold a regular Lodge, at the.... .....of....., aforesaid, to be called..... Lodge.

They have nominated and respectfully recommend Brother .....as the first Master, Brother.....as the first Senior Warden, and Brother.....as the first Junior Warden of the said Lodge, they being each, in all respects, competent to perform all the duties of either of the stations for which they are severally proposed ; and, if the prayer of the petitioners be granted, they promise in all things strict obedience to the commands of the Grand Master, and undeviating conformity to the constitution and regulations of the Grand Lodge.

Dated at....., on the.....day of....., A.L. 59.....

*Signature.	Name and No. of Lodges	Grand Register.

[2]

RECOMMENDATION OF A PETITION FOR THE FORMATION OF A NEW LODGE.

.....Lodge, No,....., A. F. and A. M.
.....A. L. 59....

To the Most Worshipful.....

Grand Master of Masons of Quebec :—

At a stated meeting of this Lodge, held at the date above written, the following preamble and resolution were adopted :—

*These signatures must give *all* the names of each petitioner *in full*.

"*Whereas*, a petition for the issue of a dispensation to form and open a new Lodge at....., in the County of ..... has been presented to this Lodge for its recommendation; *and whereas*, it is known to this Lodge that those whose signatures are appended to said petition,..... in number, are all Master Masons in good standing, and that a safe and suitable Lodge-room has been provided by them for their meetings; it is

"*Resolved*, That the establishment of said new Lodge is of manifest propriety and will conduce to the good of the Order; and that this Lodge recommends to the Grand Master the granting of the dispensation prayed for in said petition."

A true copy from the minutes.

[SEAL.] In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of our Lodge aforesaid, at the date above written.

....*Secretary.*

[3]

CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION OF OFFICERS PROPOSED FOR A NEW LODGE.

To the Most Worshipful.....

Grand Master of Masons of Quebec :—

The petition of....Brethren, residing at the .....of..... in the County of..... praying the Grand Master for a dispensation to open and hold a new Lodge at said. ..... to be called..... Lodge, having been presented to me; and Brothers.....and..... being recommended therein for nomination, respectively, as Master, Senior Warden, and Junior Warden of said proposed new Lodge; now I,.....

D. D. G. M. of the ..... District do hereby certify that, to my positive knowledge, each of said Brethren is fully competent properly to discharge the duties of the said respective offices.

Given at ..... this ..... day of ..... A. L. 59..

..... *D. D. G. M.*

District of .....

[4]

PETITION FOR A CHARTER.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M.:—

The undersigned respectfully represent that on the ..... day ....., A.L. 59...., a dispensation was issued by the Grand Master for the formation of a new Lodge; at..... in the County of ....., by the name of ..... Lodge; that on the ..... day of ....., next ensuing, said Lodge was opened and organized, and has since continued successfully to work during the period named in said dispensation, as will appear from its records, and returns, herewith presented; and that it is the anxious desire of the members of said Lodge that its existence be perpetuated.

They therefore pray that a Charter be granted to said Lodge, by the name of ..... Lodge, with such number as the usage of the Grand Lodge may assign it; and recommend that Brother..... be named therein as Master, Brother ..... as Senior Warden, and Brother..... as Junior Warden; promising, as heretofore, strict obedience to the commands of the Grand Master and undeviating conformity to the Constitution and regulations of the Grand Lodge.

Given by instruction from and on behalf of said Lodge, at ..... this ..... day of ....., A. L. 59....

[5]

APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATION.

To the Worshipful Master, the Wardens, and Brethren of ..... Lodge, No..... A. F. and A.M. :—

The undersigned respectfully represents that he is a Master Mason in good standing; that he was last a member of..... Lodge, No...., in the.....of..... from which he has honorably withdrawn, as by the accompanying certificate will appear; and that he now desires, if found worthy, to become a member of your Lodge.

His place of residence is ..... his age..... years, and his occupation,.....

(*Date,*) ....., A. L. 59....

*(*Signature,*).....

Recommended by Bros. { .... } Must be members of the Lodge to which application is made.

*This signature must give *all* the names of the subscriber *in full.*

[6]

CERTIFICATE OF WITHDRAWAL. (DIMIT.)

To all Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons,

Wheresoever dispersed around the Globe, GREETING :—

This is to certify that Brother..... whose signature appears in the margin hereof, at this date a member of our.....Lodge, No...., A. F. and A. M., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, having paid all dues, and being in good fellowship with the Brethren, voluntarily withdrawn from our said Lodge; and now, by its order, receives this certificate, recommending him to the friendship and good will of the Fraternity wherever he may be.

Given at the Hall of our Lodge aforesaid, at....., in the Province of Quebec, this.....day of....., A. L. 59...., and the attestation of our Secretary.

.....
Master

[SEAL]

Attest,.....
Secretary.

Signature.....

[7]

FORM OF ENTRY FOR THE MINUTE BOOK OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

A.....Communication of.....Lodge No.....
Q. R., was held at the Masonic Hall..... ....on.....
evening, the..... day of....., A. D. 19....

Present.

W. Bro.....	W. M.	Bro.....	S. D.
" "	I. P. M.	"	J. D.
Bro.....	S. W.	"	D. of C.
"	J. W.	"	Steward
"	Treasurer	"	Steward
"	Secretary	"	I. Guard
"	Chaplain		

Among the distinguished visitors present were.....
.....

Other members and visitors as per register.

Opening Lodge.

The Lodge was opened in the first degree, at.....
(giving the hour).

The minutes of the last regular meeting (and subsequent emergencies, if any) were read and confirmed.

Reports General.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration (here state the subject), submitted their report, which was, on motion of Bro.....seconded by Bro.....received and adopted.

Proposal of Candidates.

An application for initiation upon the regular form was received and read to the Lodge from Mr.....

Age.....occupation.....proposed by Bros.....
.....

It was moved by Bro.....seconded by Bro.....

That the application of Mr.....be received and placed on the minutes, to be ballotted for at the next regular meeting for initiation into the mysteries of Freemasonry.

The motion was adopted (or rejected as the case may be.)

(The same form is to be used for joining members, substituting the words "Bro." late a member of.....Lodge No...
R..... accompanied by his demit from said Lodge," instead of Mr., and "to become a member" in the place of "for initiation," &c.)

Appointment of Committees on Petitions.

The Worshipful Master appointed Bros.... ...and..... a Committee to make the necessary enquiries regarding the standing and character of Mr. ..... applicant for initiation, to report thereon at the next regular meeting.

Reports of Committees on Petitions.

The Committee on the Petition of Mr....., a candidate for initiation, reported favorably (or unfavorably as the case may be.)

Ballot.

The W. M. ordered the ballot to be passed for Mr.. ..... a candidate for initiation into the mysteries of Freemasonry, which was taken, and, on examination, declared in favor of (or against) the candidate (as may be).

(The same form will apply to joining members, using the term "Bro." for "Mr." and the words "to become a member" for "initiation," &c.)

"*Section 210 of the Constitution to be strictly followed out on proposing or balloting for candidates.*"

Board of Trial.

The W. M. appointed Bros.....a Board of Trial, to retire and put the necessary questions to Mr. ....., a candidate for initiation. (If more than one, state their several names, and say "candidates.")

Initiation of Candidates.

The Board of Trial and Secretary having reported to the W.M. that the candidate had answered the necessary questions satisfactorily, and paid his initiation fee to the Secretary, and the candidate having been properly prepared, he was (or they were severally) admitted and initiated into the first (or Entered Apprentice) degree of Freemasonry.

Candidates in Waiting.

(If the Candidate has been previously balloted for, enter.)

Mr.A.B.—A Candidate for Initiation having been previously balloted for, was reported as in Waiting. The Junior Deacon was instructed to retire and Mr.....having been properly prepared was admitted and initiated into the first or E. A. Degree of Freemasonry.

Passing.

Bro.....(or Bros.) a candidate (or candidates) for advancement was (or were) examined in open Lodge as to his (or their) proficiency, and directed to retire.

The Lodge was opened in the second degree at ..... (state the hour.)

(No objection being made) Bro.....(or Bros.) having been found worthy of advancement, and having been properly prepared, he was (or they were severally) passed to the second or Fellow Craft's Degree.

Raising.

Bro..... (or Bros.), a candidate (or candidates) for further advancement, was (or were) examined in open Lodge as to his (or their) proficiency, and directed to retire.

The Lodge was then opened in the third degree, at..... (state the hour.)

(No objection being made) Bro.....(or Bros.) having been found well-skilled, he was (or they were severally) raised to the third or Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

Calling from Labour to Refreshment.

The Lodge was called from Labour at.....o'clock.

Calling from Refreshment to Labour.

The Lodge resumed Labour at.....o'clock.

Communications.

The following communications were read:
From the Grand Secretary regarding.....
From Lodge..... No.... of.....
From Brother.....

Payment of Accounts etc.

The following accounts were presented to the Lodge, viz. ..... It was moved by Bro..... seconded by Bro..... that these accounts be referred to the Permanent Committee and paid if found correct.

Suspension for Nonpayment of Dues

The Secretary reported that as by resolution of the Lodg e at last Communication he had notified Bros..... over the seal of the Lodge and by Registered letter, to appear at this Communication and show cause why they should not be suspended for Nonpayment of Dues. Bros..... having failed to appear or to give satisfactory reason for this delinquency the Worshipful Master declared them suspended from all privileges of the Lodge and Masonry ;

or Brother.... wrote the Lodge that owing to sickness, or,..... he was unable to settle his indebtedness at present and asked further time. On motion of Bros..... it was resolved to give the Brother further time. *Or*—It was resolved that the Brother's dues be remitted.

Notice to Delinquent Members.

The Secretary reported that Bros..... ..... A. B. C. D. and E. F. were over the specified time in arrears of dues. He was on motion of Bros.....instructed to summons the Brethren over the seal of the Lodge to appear at the next regular Communication and show cause why they should not be suspended for Nonpayment of Dues ;

or, Brother.....agreed to interview Brother..... regarding his indebtedness and report to the Lodge at the next meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

Appointment of General Committees.

The same form as previously given, only insert the specific business.

Closing the Lodge.

Nothing further offering for the benefit of Freemasonry in general or this Lodge in particular, the Lodge was closed in harmony in the first degree, at.....o'clock (state the time.)

(If opened in the three degrees, say "severally in the third, second and first;" if opened in the second degree, say "severally in the second and first."

Confirmed in open Lodge (give date), A.L.

(*Master's Signature.*) (*Secretary's Signature.*)

..... *W.M.* .....*Secy.*

(N.B —Minutes must not be read or confirmed at *Emergent* meetings, and only the business specified on the Notice or Summons can be transacted at an *Emergent* meeting.)

Minute at Election of Officers.

The Lodge then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

The Secretary read the names of Brethren qualified to hold the Office of Worshipful Master.

The W.M. appointed Bros.....and.....to be scrutineers of the ballot, and the following Brethren were declared to be duly elected, namely :—(here insert the names and offices.)

Minute at Installation of Officers.

If the Worshipful Master does not instal the officers, say R. W. Bro..... was requested to take the chair and Instal the officers for the ensuing year. That portion of the Minutes relating to the Election of Officers having been read to the Lodge, was confirmed by the Brethren.

The Lodge was opened in the second degree at....(state the hour.)

Bro.....the Worshipful Master elect, was then presented to the Installing Master, and having answered the necessary questions and having given his assent to the Ancient charges and regulations, he was obligated in due form.

The Lodge was then opened in the third degree at (state the hour.)

All Brethren under the rank of Worshipful Master then retired. After the ceremony of installing the Worshipful Master elect in the chair, the Brethren re-entered the Lodge, and the W. M. was proclaimed for the first time from the East, and saluted by the Brethren in due form.

The Lodge was closed in the third degree at ....o'clock.

The W. M. was proclaimed for the second time from the West, and was saluted in due form.

The Lodge was closed in the second degree at..... o'clock.

The W. M. was proclaimed for the third time from the South, and was saluted with the customary honors.

The W. M. then announced his appointments to office, and the following newly-elected and appointed officers were installed and invested, namely :—(Here insert the names and offices.)

(Here may follow the appointment of Trustees, Auditors, or other Committees.)

[8]

PROXY.

This is to certify that at a..... meeting of the..... Lodge No...., held at..... on the day of..... A.L. W. Brother.....was delegated to represent the said Lodge at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, to be held at.....on the.....day of : ..... A.L. 59 .. , and there to perform any and all acts which could be done by the duly qualified officers were they personally present and acting on behalf of the Lodge.

Given under our hands and seal of the Lodge, at..... this.....day of ..... A. L. 59 .. , A. D. 19...

.....

[SEAL] *Worshipful Master.*

.....*Secretary.*

[9]

NOTICE OF REJECTIONS, SUSPENSIONS AND RESTORATIONS.

.....Lodge, No....., A. F. and A.M., }
.....A. L. 59.... }

To the Right Worshipful..... ....

Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Quebec :—

I hereby certify that, at a stated meeting of this Lodge, held at the date above written, the petition of..... an applicant for the degrees of Masonry, was rejected.

(*Or*, I hereby certify that at a stated meeting of this Lodge, held at the above date written, Bro..... after due trial in the manner prescribed in the Constitution, was declared to be suspended from all the rights and privileges of Masonry for unmasonic conduct.)

(*Or*, I hereby certify that, at a stated meeting of this Lodge, held at the date above written, Bro.....after due trial in the manner prescribed in the Constitution, was declared to be suspended from membership in said..... Lodge No..... for unmasonic conduct.

(*Or*, I hereby certify that, at a stated meeting of this Lodge, held at the date above written, Bro..... . , heretofore by it suspended for unmasonic conduct, was, by a two-thirds vote, in the manner prescribed in the Constitution, restored to all his rights and privileges as a Mason and as a member of this Lodge.

Given under my hand and the seal of our Lodge aforesaid.

[SEAL.] .....*Secretary.*

[10]

APPEAL.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. and A.M.

The undersigned..... hereby appeals to you from the decision of..... Lodge No...., in the matter of certain charges and specifications, preferred in the said Lodge, against this appellant, by Bro..... whereby this appellant was convicted of the said charges and specifications, and sentence of suspension passed against him, and he specifies the following as the grounds of his appeal, namely :—

1. That the charges and specifications do not contain any Masonic offence.

2. That the charges and specifications are vague, uncertain, and insufficient.

3. That the evidence was not sufficient to warrant the conviction.

4. That the penalty is disproportionate to the offence.

5. That the Lodge erred in refusing to admit the declaration of.....

(Any other special or general grounds of appeal may be stated.)

All of which appears by the papers, proceedings and evidence in the case.

Dated at.....

.....

[11]

NOTICE OF APPEAL.

To.....

Take notice, that I have taken an appeal from the decision of..... Lodge, No...., in the matter of the complaint and specifications made by you against me, and that I shall prosecute the same at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, on the..... day of..... A.L. 59.. A.D. 19..

.....

This notice should be served as other notices, and a return made which the appellant should have with him at the Grand Lodge.

The appeal by the complainant, and notice, should be like the above, with the necessary alterations, which can easily be made.

[12]

FORM OF A PETITION FOR RESTORATION.

To the W.M., Officers and members of.....Lodge No....
G.R.Q., of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

The undersigned.....respectfully represents that he was formerly a member of said Lodge. That on or about the.....day of..... A. L. 59....he was tried for unmasonic conduct upon charges preferred against him in said Lodge, and that upon due conviction of said charges the said Lodge passed sentence of suspension against him, which sentence is now in full force and effect.

That he is desirous of being restored to the rights and benefits of Masonry, and to his membership in said Lodge, and he hereby solemnly promises upon his honour that, if such restoration shall be granted him, he will ever yield a cheerful obedience to all the laws, rules and customs of the Fraternity.

Wherefore, he respectfully prays the said Lodge to recommend to the Grand Lodge that he be restored to his Masonic rights and membership as aforesaid.

And your petitioner will ever pray, &c.

Dated .....this day of.....A.L. 59....

.....

Recommended by { .....
.....

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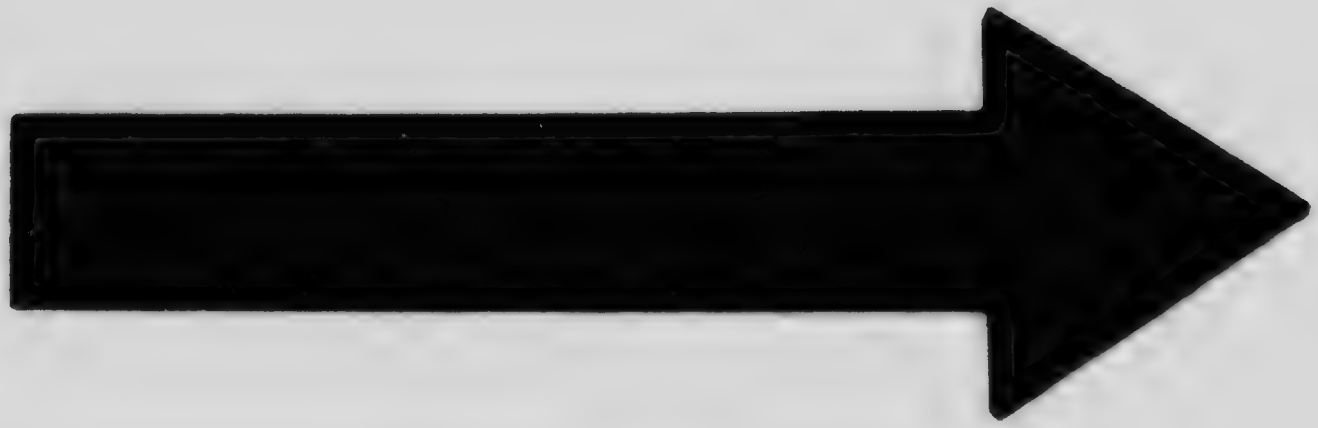

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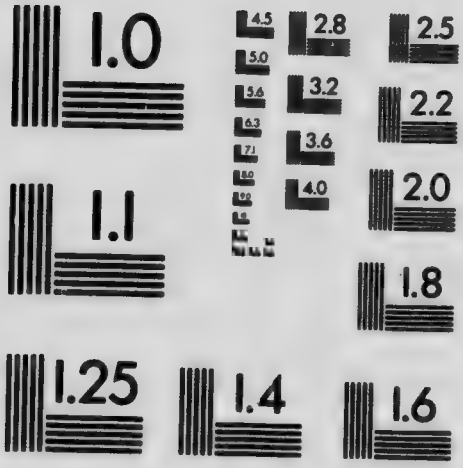

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